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New hope for protesters fighting surgery closure

By George Welch

A DAMNING report that criticised how a health body handled the closure of a GP practice in Witney has given hope to campaigners fighting to reopen the surgery.

The independent report, ordered by Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt, said the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) failed to effectively engage with patients at Deer Park Medical Centre and demanded an 'urgent' and 'comprehensive' plan for care in Witney.

The Edington Square surgery closed in March after it was announced last October that nobody could be found to run it once Virgin Care's contract expired.

A health scrutiny committee (HOSC) deemed the change to be a 'substantial change' last year but the OCCG disagreed, meaning the issue was forwarded to Mr Hunt in February.

The critical report, carried out by experts at the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP), said: "The unilateral determination by the OCCG that the matter was not substantial was not helpful and undermined ongoing dialogue."

It added that the decision should be jointly agreed and that the view of HOSC should prevail in the case of a disagreement.

The IRP said it "expected more to have been done" by the OCCG in informing and seeking the views of the public. Deer Park's closure will not be the subject of a full review because the issue can be addressed by a six-month consultation to be carried out 'immediately' – but the IRP still had strong words for the OCCG.

As well as accusing the health body of undermining the process, it blamed the Oxfordshire commissioning board of being complacent.

The report added: "The OCCG, rather than simply accepting a practice closure such as Deer Park, needs to be much more proactive, inclusive and forward thinking about the future of general practice and primary care."

The report has given hope to campaigners who are still fighting to keep the surgery open.

Witney town councillor Brenda Churchill, who is spearheading the Deer Park Campaign Group, said: "It gives us hope.

"What we've got to do is make sure that the OCCG do as they've been instructed to do.

"We will be fighting – we are already in campaign mode. We will be doing what we did before."

Around 1,000 of the 4,300 Deer Park patients are yet to re-register at a new doctor's surgery.

Julie Dandridge, head of Primary Care at OCCG, said: "We welcome the report from the IRP and are reviewing the advice it has provided.

"We are currently developing a locality plan for west Oxfordshire, including the Witney area."

Wolf cubs give mum the runaround

Five mischievous wolf cubs are settling into their life at Cotswold Wildlife Park after making a surprise arrival. The park celebrated the birth of its first litter of Eurasian Wolf cubs in its 47-year history, born to first time parents Ash and Ember. For the first 10 days of their lives, the cubs were hidden from sight but were finally spotted by park staff one night after a heavy downpour of rain when Ember took the cubs out and placed them above ground for safe keeping. For the full story, turn to page 9 Picture: Jackie Thomas

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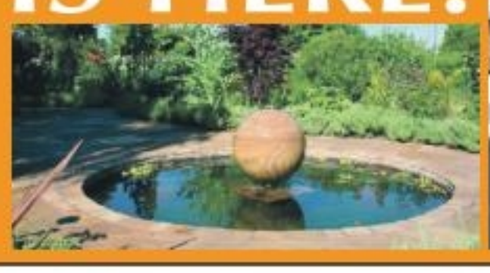

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Laura proves if this girl can, any girl can

Laura Hope-Smith took part in the mile-long Henley open water swim earlier this month with the help of some encouragement from a young fan club

A MUM-OF-TWO took part in an open-water swimming event to prove that 'this girl can'.

Laura Hope-Smith, 39, from Cholsey, trained for the event for the last three months, after winning a national competition to participate in the Henley Mile earlier this month.

The event was part of a 'This Girl Can' campaign that aims to introduce and encourage women to participate in physical activity and sports.

Although a novice in open-water swimming, Laura said that on the day, she and five friends took part in the event and 'came out smiling'.

She said: "I think I would have been even more a bundle of nerves without them there.

"I think I was smiling most of the way and I made sure I stopped by Temple Island just to reflect on how far I have come on this journey before swimming on to the finish line."

Laura said swimming helped 'switch her over busy and anxious mind off'.

She said: "I was getting so nervous about the day. I was so worried that I wouldn't be able to do it on the day. But now I don't feel nervous, I just feel excited.

"I have found something I truly love. I'm a swimmer for that time I'm in the water. Not a mum, not a wife, just a swimmer and I love having that time for myself."

Laura said she has signed up to two more events in September.

She is even passing on the baton, as a few of her friends who came to support her agreed to try outdoor swimming the very next night.

She added: "I am amazingly proud of them."

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'We need to invest more in schools'

Mixed reaction to the £1.3bn education fund

By Eva Astreinidou

A NEW pledge to pump £1.3billion into education has been condemned as just a 'desperate attempt to pull wool over people's eyes'.

Oxford West and Abingdon MP Layla Moran has criticised the funding promised by the education secretary for the next two years.

Ms Moran said: "Instead of providing the £4bn of extra funding promised in their manifesto, the Conservatives are recycling cash from the education budget. It is robbing Peter to pay Paul.

"Schools are still facing cuts to their budgets once inflation and increasing class sizes are taken into account.

"Children only get one go at education. We need to invest more in our schools and ensure that no child is left behind."

A group which campaigns for school funding has also raised concerns about the lack of additional cash.

Helen Brockett, parent and co-founder of Fair Funding for All Schools Oxfordshire, said it is good the concerns of teachers, headteachers and parents are no longer ignored but said schools are struggling with budgets as it is without any extra funds being granted.

She said: "It will be a heroic task for the Department of Education (DfE) to find savings of that order without impacting on schools somewhere down the line.

"We are still concerned that schools are struggling now with budgets and over the next few years will have inflation, increased teacher pension contributions and other costs that are increasing to deal with, so this money may not be enough to bridge that gap.

"We also fear that Oxfordshire has been a historically underfunded area and although additional money is welcome will it be enough to cope with the increased demands on schools? We don't know at this stage.

"Is it a complete remedy? Far from it. We need to be vigilant. We need to press the case for investing in our schools. And while we have clearly persuaded education ministers, we may still need to change minds at the Treasury."

But the county's Conservative MPs were more optimistic about the cash.

After the announcement, Robert Courts, MP for Witney, tweeted: "Glad that my fight for West Ox schools has been rewarded."

In March Mr Courts expressed the need for all West Oxfordshire schools, especially those in rural areas, to have the funding they need.

John Howell, MP for Henley, also welcomed Monday's announcement.

He said: "Today's announcement sends a clear message that we are committed to raising standards and giving every child the best possible education and the best possible opportunities for their future."

£6.5m on new waste and recycling trucks

TWO councils will spend a total of £6.5million on a new fleet of waste and recycling trucks.

The investment by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils hopes to improve collections to households across the whole of south Oxfordshire.

The trucks – due to hit the roads in the autumn – will replace the old vehicles that are becoming unreliable as they reach the end of their life.

The new vehicles, managed by SODC and the Vale's contractor Biffa, will carry out the waste, recycling and food recycling collection services for all 115,000 households across the districts.

Current trucks are more than seven years old and in recent weeks have broken down en route, causing disruption to services.

Conservative councillor Tony Harbour, SODC board member responsible for waste, apologised "for any inconvenience caused to residents".

The councils said they are working with Biffa to resolve the problem, including drafting in extra vehicles and calling on crews to work extra hours.

Driver jailed for killing Isla

By Eva Astreinidou

THE lorry driver who admitted to causing a crash that killed a three-year-old girl and her unborn baby brother has been sentenced to six years in prison.

Thomas Hunter, 59, of Mansfield Road, Mansfield, was sentenced at Oxford Crown Court on Monday after pleading guilty in June.

On August 25 last year, Hunter's lorry collided with seven cars on the northbound carriageway of the A34 at Hinksey Hill, Oxford.

As a result, Isla Wiggin, aged three, and her mother, Collette Wiggin, 31, were seriously injured and taken to hospital for treatment.

Isla died in hospital on August 27.

Mrs Wiggin was pregnant at the time of the crash and lost her unborn baby, who the family had named Harry.

Hunter has been sentenced to six years' imprisonment for causing death by dangerous driving, three years and eight months' imprisonment for causing serious injury by dangerous driving and was disqualified from driving for five years and four months.

The sentences will run concurrently.

Senior investigating officer Sergeant Beth Walton said the 'tragic case' showed what the 'catastrophic' consequences can be when drivers are not concentrating when at the wheel.

She said she is grateful Mr and Mrs Wiggin have been spared the trauma of a trial process.

Isla Wiggin was killed by lorry driver Thomas Hunter last August

She added: "For reasons we have not been able to fully ascertain, Thomas Hunter was driving his lorry in a dangerous manner, and his actions that day have devastated a family, which will never be the same again. If Hunter had taken care over his driving, and had been paying full attention to the road, Isla would be here today, along with baby Harry.

"I would also like to pay tribute to Isla and Harry's parents, Mr and Mrs Wiggin.

"They have been through something which no parents should ever have to endure, and I cannot begin to imagine the pain that this incident has caused them.

"I would like to thank them for their incredible bravery throughout the police investigation and the court process.

"The collision caused by Hunter also affected a number of other drivers and witnesses.

"This incident was entirely preventable."

You shall go to the ball

A PARTY for school leavers at King Alfred Academy took the Oscars as its theme earlier this month.

Year 11 pupils from the Wantage school enjoyed the end of their GCSE exams and looked forward to their summer break with a glitzy celebration at the school grounds.

A student organising committee worked for months to put everything in place for the glamorous party.

Head of Year 11, Dave Johnson, said: "These students have spent the past five years together, so have memories to share and joint achievements to be proud of.

"It was a fabulous opportunity to mark the end of their GCSEs, which they approached with commitment and enthusiasm."

Student manager Lindsey Baldwin, who helped the organising committee coordinate the event, added: "We were in awe of their spirit and sense of camaraderie.

"It was a night we hope they will remember for years to come."

Toby Archer, Ben Walden, Josh Legge, Connor Davies, Oliver King, Nathan Edwards, Ciarhan Quick, James McFarland and Anna Wilkinson

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Three arrests after regatta rape

THREE men have been arrested after a woman was raped leaving Henley Regatta.

Two men, aged 23 and 24, from Bedford and a 26-year-old man from Loughborough have all been arrested on suspicion of rape in connection with the incident on July 2.

They have been released pending the investigation.

The victim, in her 20s, left the Chinawhite enclosure with people she had met there between 12am and 2.30am.

She walked to a residential street in the Harpsden Road and Reading Road area to a car where she was raped outside the vehicle.

Three men then left in the vehicle.

A member of the public found the victim near the Three Horseshoes pub in Reading Road shortly before 2.30am on Sunday and called police.

Police are urging anyone who has information about the incident to come forward. Contact 101.

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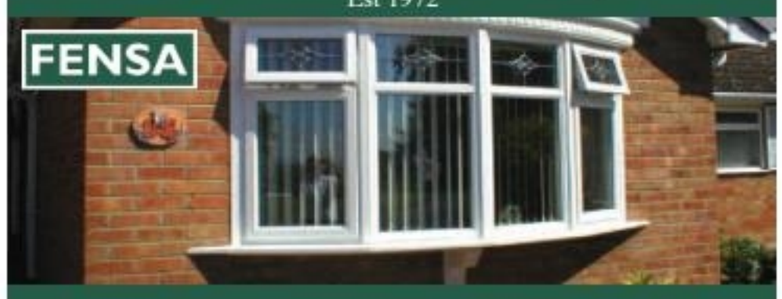

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THE King and Queen of Spain paid Oxford a visit to honour the historical links between the city and their country.

King Felipe VI of Spain and Queen Letizia visited the city as part of their state visit on Friday.

The Royals visited the recently refurbished Weston Library, part of the Bodleian Libraries, the University's Divinity School and Exeter College.

At the Divinity School, King Felipe spoke about the importance of academic links between Spain and the UK and paid tribute to Oxford University's contribution to the UK and to the world.

He said: "With its unique blend of vanguard and tradition, Oxford is, indeed, not only an admirable British university, but one of the institutions that have contributed to shaping the heart and soul of Europe and what we now call the West.

"Oxford is the alma mater of countless British statesmen and scholars, and was also home to the wisdom of world-renowned Spaniards."

The University chancellor, Lord Patten of Barnes, said it was a 'pleasure and honour' to welcome the royals to Oxford. He described the relationship between Oxford and Spain as 'hugely important'.

The royals were greeted by Year 3 pupils from Tyndale Community School in Oxford, who took part in a workshop about the Spanish royal family and created coloured mosaic tiles based on those in the Alhambra in Granada.

King Felipe and Queen Letizia were welcomed by children from Tyndale Community School Picture: John Cairns

More arrests over Leys death

By Eva Astreinidou

A TOTAL of 15 people have been arrested in connection with the murder of a man in Blackbird Leys last month.

Two further people have been arrested in the investigation into the death of Christopher Lemonius after the incident on June 1.

Mr Lemonius, 27, died in hospital after he was found with serious injuries on Jourdain Road.

Five people have been charged with murder, and on Tuesday last week two further arrests were made.

A 19-year-old man from Oxford was arrested on suspicion of murder. He has been released on bail to appear at Abingdon police station on August 8.

A 23-year-old woman from Oxford was arrested on suspicion of assisting an offender. She has been released under investigation.

Last month, a further eight people were also arrested on suspicion of assisting an offender.

A 28-year-old man was arrested on June 29; a 23-year-old man from Oxford and a 25-year-old man from Headington were arrested on June 28; on June 23, a 25-year-old man from Oxford was arrested; on June 22, a 33-year-old man from Oxford was arrested; on June 14, a 31-year-old woman from Oxford was arrested; on June 13, a 63-year-old man from Oxford and a 56-year-old woman from Oxford were arrested.

All have been released under investigation.

The trial of five men charged with murder is expected to start on November 6.

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Sexual assault at shopping centre

POLICE are on the hunt for a man following a serious sexual assault near the Orchard Centre in Didcot.

Officers said the man grabbed a woman from behind and sexually assaulted her as she walked in Edinburgh Drive at around 12.30am on Sunday.

The man is described as black and around 6ft tall with a large build. He has an eyebrow piercing with large diamonds on either side.

At the time of the incident he was wearing a baby blue polo shirt, dark jeans and trainers.

Investigating officer Detective Sergeant Ben Henley, from Abingdon Force CID, said: "I would urge anyone who may have witnessed this incident to contact police immediately.

"This serious sexual assault took place close to the Orchard Centre in Didcot, a busy part of the town, and I would appeal to anyone who thinks they may have seen or heard anyone acting suspiciously in the area at around the time to come forward and speak to officers."

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Oxford welcomes first gin festival

FOR those who are passionate about all things gin, the UK's original Gin Festival is visiting Oxford for the very first time this weekend.

The Town Hall is playing host to three days of tasting sessions, masterclasses, talks from industry experts and live music and entertainment from tomorrow until Sunday.

More than 100 gins, top craft distillers and a vast array of 'ginformation' will be on offer for the discerning drinker to sample.

The Gin Festival was first set up four years ago by Jym and Marie Harris, who wanted to go out and enjoy food and entertainment while drinking the best gins available.

When they found that such an offering didn't exist, they set one up, and the Gin Festival was born.

In that time it has grown from a single event to multiple festivals throughout the year, and across the UK.

Jym said: "We're delighted that this event has been so popular, especially as it's our first time in Oxford.

"We'll be lucky enough to be joined by the likes of Tinker, Black Tomato and Poetic License, showcasing their gin and running masterclasses full of 'ginformation'.

"We'll also have brands such as Electric Spirits Lux, White Rose Leeds Gin and Gotik on our bars that are exclusive to our events and website.

"Our cocktail manager Peter Barrett has been working hard on six incredible cocktails to excite the tastebuds, so we hope we'll have something for everyone and help the people of Oxford find their new favourite gin."

The festival boasts four gin bars showcasing spirits from Britain and around the world, with each having a carefully matched garnish alongside a specifically paired tonic or mixer.

There's also a bar serving up gin-based cocktails, and visitors will be able to chat to the distillers and attend classes to learn all about gin and how it's made.

On arrival guests are handed their very own Gin Festival Copa Balloon Glass and a brochure that explains all about the gins on offer.

The bars operate on a token system, which cost £5 each and pay for a single measure of gin, garnish and a mixer.

Every gin, jenever and liquer that can be tried at the bars, as well as a host of gin themed gifts, can be bought at the on-site off-licence and through the website.

And there will be the chance to sign up for Gin Explorer – a monthly subscription service bringing four 50ml measures of unusual gins, information and surprise treats direct to your door.

For more details about the festival, go to ginfestival.com/events/gin-festival-oxford-2017.

Jailed for sexual abuse of three girls under 13

By Eva Astreinidou

A PAEDOPHILE from Henley has been sentenced to eight years behind bars for sexually assaulting three girls under the age of 13.

Erickson Jacob, 44, of Gravel Hill, abused the girls between 2011 and 2012 and was sentenced following a six day trial at Oxford Crown Court on Tuesday last week.

Jacob was convicted of four counts of sexual assault of a child under 13, one count of sexual assault of a child under 13 by penetration and one count of causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity.

He was acquitted of a further count of sexual assault of a child under 13 relating to a fourth victim, a girl also under the age of 13.

Erickson Jacob has been jailed for eight years for sexually assaulting three girls

Jacob was arrested on December 13, 2015 and charged on November 29 last year.

He was also issued with a Sexual Harm Prevention Order and will be placed on the Sex Offenders' Register.

Investigating officer, Detective Constable Sophie Holliss of the Child Abuse Investigation Unit, said: "I am pleased that Jacob has received a substantial custodial sentence for the offences against these young girls.

"I would like to thank the victims for their bravery in coming forward and subsequently giving evidence at court.

"I would encourage victims of sexual offences to come forward and reassure them that they will be listened to and supported."

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What big eyes you have!

By Eva Astreinidou

FIVE mischievous wolf cubs are settling into their life at Cotswold Wildlife Park after making a surprise arrival.

The park celebrated the birth of the first litter of Eurasian Wolf cubs in its 47-year history, born to first-time parents Ash and Ember.

The pair joined the collection of animals at the park in October 2016 as part of a European breeding programme, and obviously had no trouble getting along.

Mammal keepers weren't expecting the pair to produce cubs quite so soon as Wolves can take a long time to bond and females only come into season once a year.

For the first 10 days, the cubs were hidden from sight but were finally spotted by park staff one night after a heavy downpour of rain when Ember took the cubs out and placed them above ground for safe keeping.

Jamie Craig, the curator at the park, said: "Our wolves are a new pairing and we did not really expect a successful breeding so soon.

"They have settled well and at present, everything with the adults and cubs is going to plan – we are keeping our fingers crossed that it continues but we have more confidence with every day that passes. The cubs will form an important nucleus to the 'pack' for the coming years."

Ash and Ember and their playful cubs can be seen in their woodland enclosure behind the flamingo and pelican lake.

The wolf was once the most widely distributed land mammal on the planet, second to humans.

In the past, wolves were destroyed in great numbers to protect livestock.

Population numbers are now recovering across many areas of Europe.

Eurasian Wolves are still hunted in many countries, but are increasingly protected by local laws.

Pictures: Jackie Thomas

Passengers warned of disruption on trains

TRAIN users are preparing for disruption on the line when Network Rail carries out upgrade work next week.

Those travelling between Banbury, Oxford and Didcot Parkway will be impacted when the rail operator begins work on Saturday for a week.

The track work will finish on July 30 as Great Western Railway (GWR) aims to deliver bigger and more frequent trains.

GWR operations director Rob Mullen thanked passengers in advance for their patience during the work.

He said: "The work next week is a key part of Network Rail's upgrade plans for the Oxford area, which with the introduction of our new fleet of Intercity Express Trains later this year will provide the greatest step-change in experience for our passengers in a generation."

Oxford station will remain open for the duration of the work. A full list of service amendments is available at www.GWR.com/Oxford2017

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Host of prizes are up for grabs for county's readers

By Samantha McGregor

RESIDENTS old and young are being urged to get reading this summer and be in with a chance to win prizes.

Libraries across Oxfordshire will throw open their doors for a string of special events aimed at getting people to read more.

Called Oxfordshire Reads, this year's summer reading challenge will tackle the themes of 'Hidden Depths' and 'Eureka'.

It is aiming to get people of all ages talking about books which are not always as they seem and those which feature a sudden moment of revelation.

Events will take place across Oxfordshire from now until September 9.

Have your say online

These include talks, quizzes and social media discussions urging readers to recommend this summer's hottest thrillers, journeys of discovery, or twisting tales of deceit.

Thame Library is hosting a special discussion on crime books on Friday, August 4 at 2.30pm, and visitors will also be encouraged to share their favourite tales of the unexpected.

Meanwhile, Bicester Library will hold a session about graphic novels and comics on Monday, August 7 at 5.30pm.

Both sessions are free, but tickets should be booked in advance at the respective library.

Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for cultural services, Lorraine Lindsay-Gale, said: "The summer break is a great opportunity for children to discover the joy of reading and find out what their local library has to offer.

"We've seen thousands of children and volunteers take part in previous reading challenges.

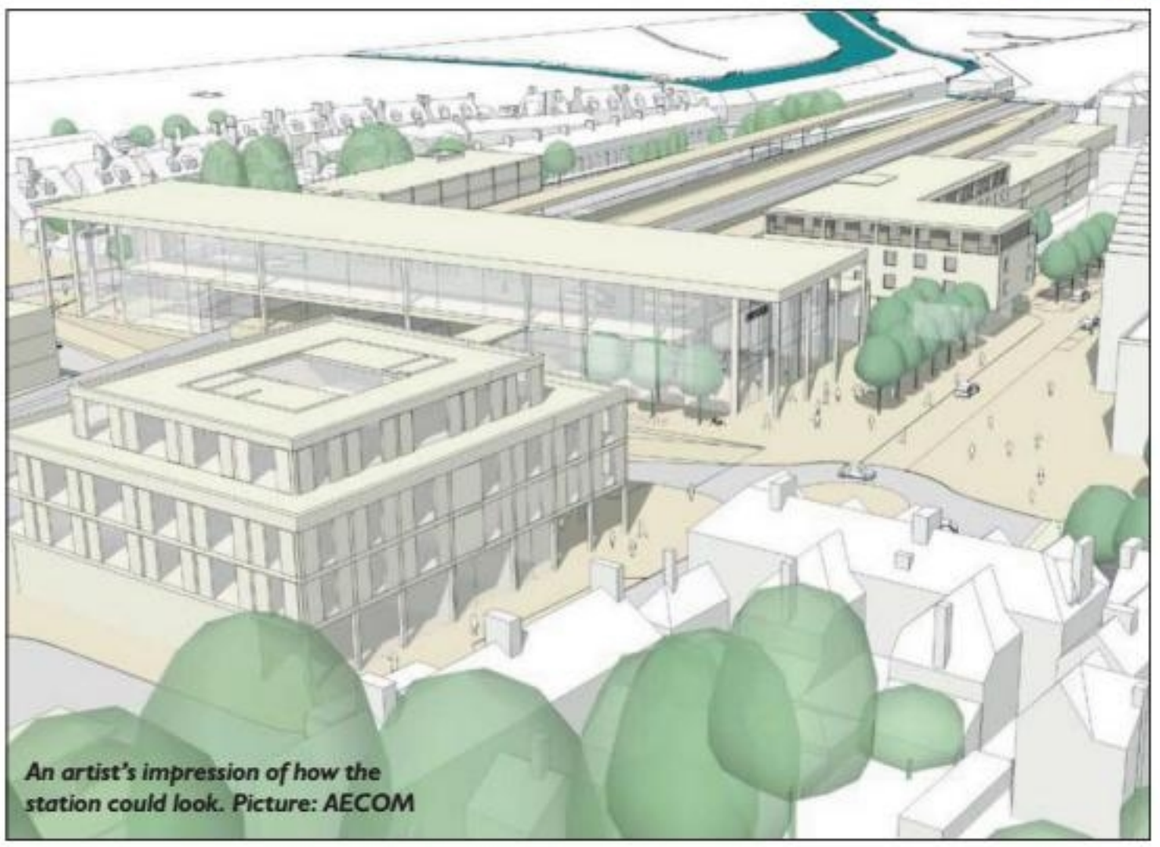
"We hope this year will be even bigger and better."

Visitors to all 43 of the county council's libraries will also be encouraged to enter a prize draw by writing on postcards about the books they love.

Prizes include tickets for Blenheim Palace, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Roald Dahl Museum, Oxford Ice Rink, Waterperry Gardens, Wychwood Brewery, Didcot Railway Centre and the Randolph Hotel.

Bicester's new library, in Franklins House, opened last April in the new community building in Pioneer Square, which completed the £70million town centre regeneration scheme.

For more information, go to the county council's webpage for the reading challenge: oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshirereads.



An artist's impression of how the station could look. Picture: AECOM

Air views on station plan

PEOPLE can have their say on plans to renovate the Oxford rail station as the masterplan goes on display in the city over the next few weeks.

The Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) will be available to view at the station from July 26 to 29 and August 9 to 12.

The consultation for the station, run by Oxford City Council, opened on June 30 and will run until August 25.

The SPD builds on the original masterplan developed by Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council and Network Rail in conjunction with the train operating companies and the Department of Transport.

Bob Price, leader of Oxford City Council, said: "This SPD will provide additional advice which will build on our broader development plans for the west end of Oxford.

"The regeneration of this site will aim to maximise the development potential of the station area and boost opportunities for surrounding sites."

The exhibition will be available to view on the dates specified, and council officers and technical consultants will also be on site to discuss the proposals from 9am to 12pm and 3pm to 6pm on July 29 and August 12.

Paper copies of the SPD are available to view in Oxford libraries and at the City Council's offices at St Aldate's Chambers.

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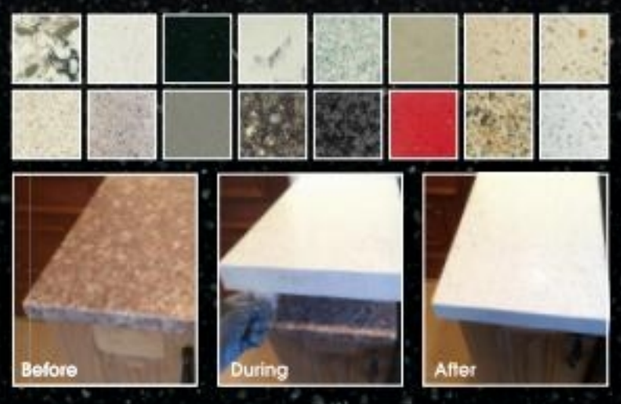

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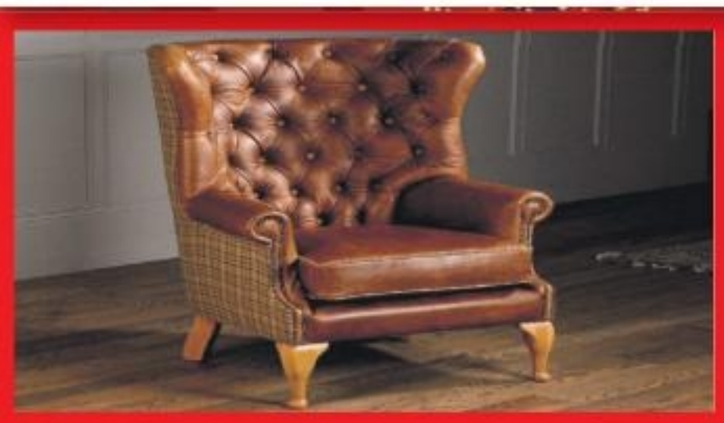

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Cat feeling Blue after losing his leg in trap

A YOUNG cat 'full of life' has had to have a leg amputated after getting it caught in a trap.

Blue was rescued by the RSCPA earlier this month after being spotted by a member of the public 15ft up a tree in Hawthorn Avenue, Headington in Oxford with a trap clamped around his leg.

He had climbed up the tree dragging the trap behind him, leaving him tangled in the tree and in 'severe distress'.

The RSPCA is now appealing for information about the trap, who may have set it, and why it was able to trap the cat.

Animal collection officer Dennis Lovell said he had no microchip or identification, so the charity was initially unable to trace the injured cat's owner.

The trap Blue got stuck in

Blue in the tree in Headington

Blue's owner, Hannah Menzel, said: "He's back home and recuperating and coping well with only three legs.

"It broke my heart when I first saw him, especially to think someone could have placed the trap intentionally.

"He's only a young cat and so full of life. We had got Blue after our other cat died after being poisoned and my son adores him."

ACO Lovell added: "We do not know who set this trap or why, but urge people to be aware how dangerous they can be for pets and wildlife."

Community pledges to help tackle loneliness

By Eva Astreinidou

A SUMMIT to start a conversation on how to tackle loneliness in older people was hosted in Oxfordshire last week.

Local charity Age UK Oxfordshire hosted a 'Loneliness Summit' on Friday, inspired by the late MP Jo Cox, to explore what can be done and make pledges to combat the issue.

The charity is one of several working with the Jo Cox Loneliness Commission, a cross-party initiative formed of MPs and charities, to 'turbo charge the public's awareness of loneliness'.

The summit at the Kings Centre in Oxford was chaired by Layla Moran, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon.

Over 100 delegates attended and were asked to make a pledge about what they could do, personally or professionally, to combat loneliness in Oxfordshire.

Ms Moran pledged "to become an age champion in parliament and my life".

Oxfordshire fire station manager Chris Barber pledged to "ensure isolation and loneliness become embedded within fire service safe and well visits".

Layla Moran MP and Age UK Oxfordshire's Penny Thewlis made their pledges at the loneliness summit

Deirdre Jalie, Age UK Oxfordshire volunteer and supporter pledged to "phone a neighbour whose husband died a few weeks ago".

And Penny Thewlis, chief executive of Age UK Oxfordshire pledged "to bring people together again in a year to review progress and re-energise us".

She added: "We all have a part to play in combating loneliness – today has been about galvanising us all to take action.

"There was a huge amount of energy and enthusiasm in the room – we now have to convert that into lots of action.

"Coming together again in a year will allow us to do a bit of a raincheck on where that action has got us to."

Guest speakers at the summit included Hannah Pearce, head of external affairs at Age UK and Paul Cann, formerly chief executive of Age UK Oxfordshire and a driving force behind the end loneliness campaign.

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From Bangkok to Abingdon to celebrate car maker's history

By George Welch

A GROUP of MG enthusiasts travelled more than 15,000 miles to complete an emotional 102-day trip from Bangkok to the car's spiritual home in Abingdon.

Seven special MG MGBs navigated the famous Silk Road and whizzed through 18 different countries as the team of 14 steered through Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

The crew travelled in their retro vehicles, all produced between 1968 and 1972, in pairs to share the driving and completed their epic adventure when they pulled into Kimber House in Abingdon last Wednesday.

The group, made up primarily of Australians, embarked on their endurance drive to celebrate the MG, two years after members of the same group travelled 6,500 miles on a South American adventure.

The town's former MG factory, which employed about 1,200 people, closed in 1980. A total of 512,112 MG MGBs were built in the town.

But Abingdon is still the hub for the brand's worldwide MG Car Club, based at Kimber House in Cemetery Road.

There were hugs and tears when the group finally arrived at the international club's HQ as the emotions of completing such a long trip caught up with them.

Event organiser John Bastian said: "It's fantastic to be here after 102 days of travelling on the most fascinating roads meeting people and exploring places we never thought we'd go to.

"Every time we stopped, people would come and look at the cars. They [the cars] may not be odd in England, but in Iran and China they are museum pieces to these folks."

Throughout the trip they met various international branches of the MG Car Club, including MGCC China, MGCC Iran and MGCC Thailand.

During their visit in Shanghai the group was given a warm welcome by fellow motoring enthusiasts and were treated to an exclusive tour of the factory in Lingang, where modern MG machinery is built.

MG Car Club general manager Adam Sloman said: "We had a brilliant afternoon welcoming the group to Abingdon, completing an incredible journey that proudly finished at our home, Kimber House."

Hundreds of lives saved by organ donors

MORE than 500 people in Oxfordshire are alive thanks to organ donation.

NHS Blood and Transplant has revealed that 528 people in the county are alive due to transplants.

The annual transplant activity report, published earlier this month, also revealed that last year 56 people in Oxfordshire had transplants, compared to 39 five years ago.

Now, the health body is urging people in the area to help even more people to survive by joining the NHS organ donor register.

Sally Johnson, director of organ donation and transplantation for NHS Blood and Transplant, said: "More people than ever in Oxfordshire are committing to organ donation and that is saving more lives than ever.

"We're seeing more and more people committing to donation and the good results of our close work with hospitals.

"However there is still a long way to go."

In Oxfordshire, the number of people on the Organ Donor Register has increased by 28 per cent over the past five years.

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Stormzy goes down a storm

Stormzy is carried aloft after collecting his award Picture: Oxford African and Caribbean Society

By Eva Astreinidou

GRIME superstar Stormzy won the coveted prize of Person of the Year at an annual event celebrating the black community.

The Annual Access Conference, founded by the Oxford African and Caribbean society, welcomed the Gang Signs & Prayer artist and awarded him the accolade last Tuesday.

Now in its fourth year, the conference hosts young people from state schools across London and addresses the under-representation of students of African and Caribbean heritage at Oxford and other higher education institutions.

The prize was awarded to the star because of his 'engagement with social issues' and his ability to push boundaries with his work.

A representative said: "We felt that Stormzy truly deserved it.

"His engagement with social issues within the community, and his willingness to push the boundaries of grime by experimenting with new sounds in his music, challenges the idea that being faithful to our roots and engaging with new spaces are mutually exclusive.

"This is a powerful message we share with the students the Oxford ACS engage with in our Access and Outreach initiatives – that they too can do the same, whether in the studio or in the classroom."

The artists was on hand to receive his award at a packed conference in London. Later he tweeted: "Today I received the Person Of The Year Award from Oxford University ACS. Standing proud in a room full of young black Kings & Queens."

Earlier this year, Stormzy donated £9,000 to an Oxford student to help her realise her dream of attending a Masters course at Harvard University in America.

Oxford student Fiona Asiedu launched the campaign after she was offered a place on a Master's course in Human Development and Psychology at Harvard Graduate School of Education.

She needed to raise £12,000 to cover the cost of the course and travel expenses. She is due to start the course next month.

Chance to join in marathon in twin city

A TWO-day marathon event will be hosted in Oxford's sister city of Perm, Russia.

The first Perm international marathon will take place on September 2 and 3, offering first-timers and seasoned runners the chance to take part.

Along with the full marathon, there will be a half, 10km or 3km runs through the city's downtown area.

Runners will be able to take part in masterclasses and entertainment, as well as a running tour of the city, a pasta party on the night before the race, and browse around a street food festival.

All finishers will receive a commemorative medal, and winners will receive diplomas, souvenirs and money prizes.

The total prize fund will amount to about £25,000.

Organisers have also offered to host runners from Oxford in local homes.

Lord Mayor of Oxford Jean Fooks said: "I hope that some people will be able to take this opportunity to strengthen our links with our twin city."

Oxford and Perm have been officially twinned with each other since 1995.

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Closing date: Friday, August 4

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Book tickets online to save time or catch the bus from Eastleigh train station to enjoy 10% off admission.

Terms: Prize of a family day ticket to Marwell Zoo is valid for 2 adults and 2 children for 12 months from the date of issue.

Q: How many Lego animals are there in the zoo?

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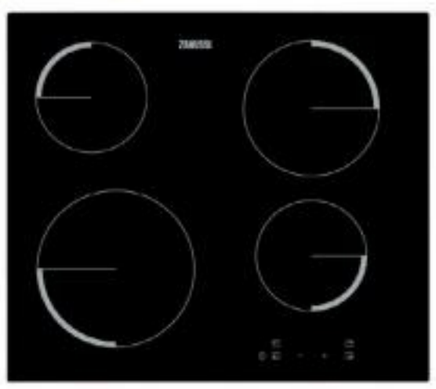

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Representing something abstract (8)
4 Mimics (4)
8 Sudden invasion (6)
10 Tropical fruit (6)
11 Female monarch (5)
12 Musical show (5)
14 Not substantial (6)
17 Voted in again (9)
18 Disappearing (9)
22 Facial expressions (6)
23 Literary composition (5)
24 Move furtively (5)
26 Divides (6)
27 Linen fabric (6)
28 Satisfy fully (4)
29 Manipulators (8)

Quick Clues Down

1 Whirl (4)
2 Malicious killing (6)
3 Dull (6)
5 Calm (6)
6 Least big (8)
7 French Impressionist painter (5)
9 Contestants (9)
10 Position established by invaders (9)
13 Easily corrupted (5)
15 Guides for horses (5)
16 Continues to exist (8)
18 Fragrant plant (6)
19 Snug places (5)
20 Land mass surrounded by water (6)
21 Car shelter (6)
25 Glides on snow (4)

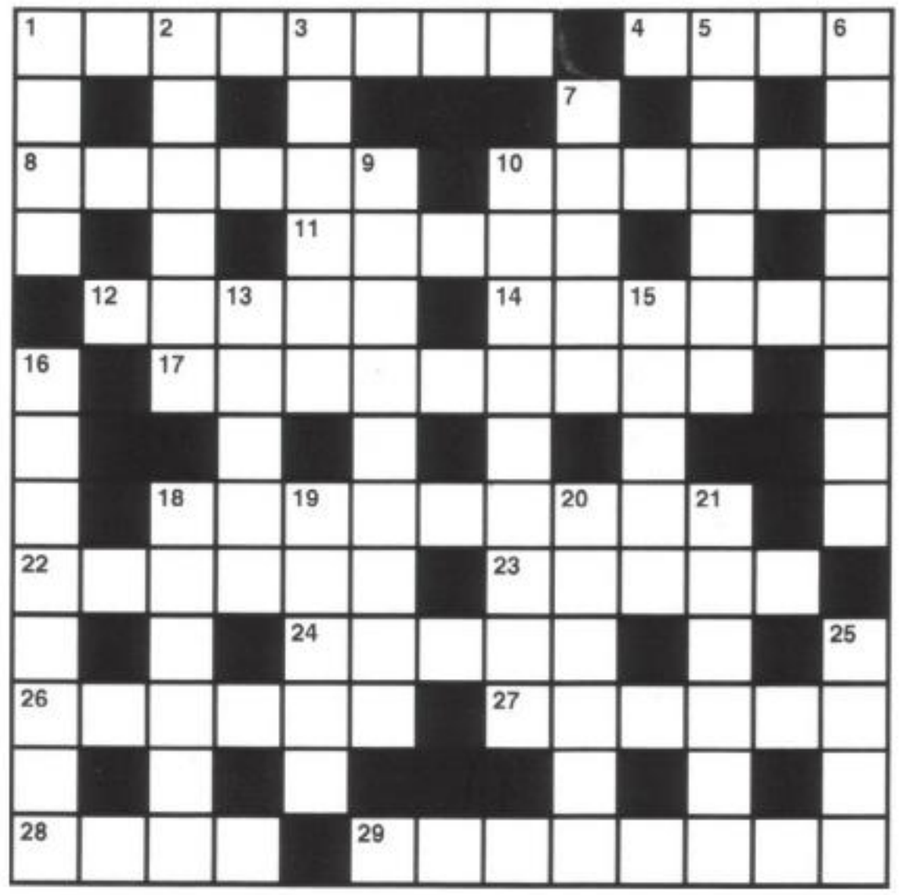
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Persons of rank - who don't go skating? (8)
4 Retain part of 14 (4)
8 Everyone taken in by bad song (6)
10 Secure for salvage (6)
11 New diets are named we hear (5)
12 Sacks the ingrates (5)
14 Fortress in which to throw the French (6)
17 Possibly cast carp hence (9)
18 Shrinking from girl I once upset (9)
22 How the Count got framed (6)
23 Bury in the main terminus (5)
24 It's no secret when they are spilt (5)
26 Ned in trouble? Fastened on quite the opposite (6)
27 Egg and roe for dragon-killer (6)
28 We hear you will get it at Christmas (4)
29 At the seaside they go out regularly (3,5)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Spheres of vision? (4)
2 Sounds like the Duke of Edinburgh's tonic (6)
3 Search wildly for what follows (6)
5 No longer a sight, we hear, to agitate (6)
6 No absence of gifts by the sound of it (8)
7 This litter could well be tidy (5)
9 Revealed Pluto was shut up (9)
10 Bringing to mind a change of name (9)
13 Upset the beer before a hundred get the instrument (5)
15 Being deficient can be taken in by holy man (5)
16 Clumsy and unlikely to make a profit (8)
18 A 'spoken' line? (6)
19 Squares can be so solid (5)
20 Possibly a fly little thing (6)
21 Agreed it could be equipped (6)
25 The best sort of wagers (4)



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		4	5			8	2	
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This week's solutions

6	2	4	5	7	8	9	3	1
9	1	7	4	3	6	2	5	8
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5	1	7	4	8	9	6	2	3
3	6	9	8	7	2	5	4	1

Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Symbolic 4 Apes 8 Inroad 10 Banana 11 Queen 12 Revue 14 Aerial 17 Reelected 18 Vanishing 22 Smiles 23 Essay 24 Steal 26 Splits 27 Damask 28 Sate 29 Handlers

Down: 1 Spin 2 Murder 3 Opaque 5 Plaid 6 Smallest 7 Planet 9 Duellists 10 Beachhead 13 Venal 15 Reins 16 Persists 18 Violet 19 Nests 20 Island 21 Garage 25 Skis

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Officers 4 Keep 8 Ballad 10 Rescue 11 Sited 12 Fines 14 Castle 17 Performance 18 Recolling 22 Abacus 23 Inter 24 Beans 26 Nailed 27 George 28 Vule 29 Ebb tides

Down: 1 Orbs 2 Flip 3 Chaser 5 Excite 6 Presence 7 Sedan 9 Disclosed 10 Recalling 13 Rebec 15 Scant 16 Ungainly 18 Radial 19 Cubes 20 Insect 21 Geared 25 Bets

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It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quiet a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

The latest design processes mean there is now a tremendous array of fencing products for you to choose from, constructed from a variety of materials. Each has its own attributes, and ultimately it can often come down to a matter of personal preference. For me, there was one unique system that stood out as providing the best balance between price and functionality which eradicates fencing problems for good. Or for at least 25 years. Colourfence. For quality, value, longevity, aesthetic design, this fencing system ticks all the boxes. Fencing made for the 21st century that will transform the look of your garden which is supplied and fitted by a company whose customer service is as good as the product.

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Every Monday families can get to know Lady Edwards, Chauffeur William or Clippies Mavis and Mable as the Costumed Explainers bring the collection to life with engaging interactive plays about Britain's motoring past. Whilst from Tuesday to Saturday visitors can make their own Motoring Treasures in family craft workshops.

Every day there are Family Museum Tours at 1:30pm delivered by a costumed character as well as the opportunity for visitors to be part of their 'My first car' project. Whether you're learning to drive a pedal car or had your license for years the Museum is keen to hear about everyone's first car – what it looks like and how it drives – real or fantasy - create a drawing or compose a few words.

There is also an outdoor play and picnic area for visitors to enjoy, plus the opportunity to sit in Shaun the Sheep's Land Rover in the Collections Centre. Here you can get a 'behind the scenes' look at how the Museum preserve and store its car collection and see the Restoration Workshop in action (Monday to Friday).

All the summer holiday activities are included in the Museum admission price and are drop in sessions with no pre-booking required. However during busy periods the activities may move to a timed ticket basis so to avoid disappointment please check on arrival as places are limited and subject to availability. Annual Passes are valid for all summer holiday dates (22 July to 3 September) with the exception of the BMW Festival on 13 August.

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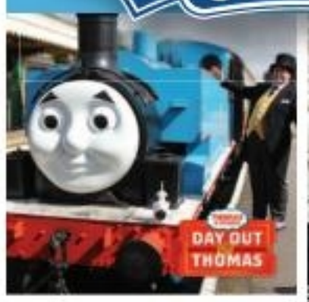

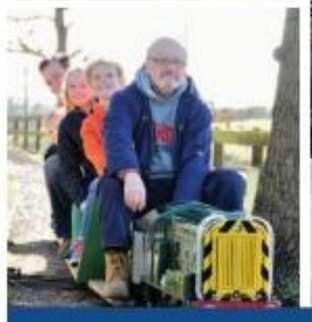

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Friday July 21st

BBC1

DAYTIME

9.15 Right on the Money (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Neighbourhood Blues** (S)(R) **11.45 Rip Off Britain: Holidays** (S)(R) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News** (S) **1.45 Red Rock** (S) **2.30 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.30 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **4.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **5.15 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News** (S)

7

7.00 Celebrity Mastermind (S)(R)
7.30 Thief Trackers; (S)(R) BBC News; Regional News (S)

8

8.00 EastEnders The school prom is thrown into chaos. (S)
8.30 Still Open All Hours Granville arranges a double date for himself and Gastric. (S)(R)

9

9.00 Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle The comedian receives a mysterious phone call. (S)
9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes tries to solve Dermot's relationship problems. (S)(R)

10

10.00 BBC News at Ten (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.35 Not Going Out Lee, Lucy and the children set off in their car to catch a ferry. (S)(R)

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11.05 FILM You Again (2010) (U) Comedy, starring Kristen Bell and Jamie Lee Curtis. (S)

AFTER 12

12.45 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.50** BBC News (S)

BBC2

7.15 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) **8.00 Sign Zone: Hotel Armadillo: Natural World** (S)(R) **9.00 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC Newsroom Live** (S) **1.00 Two Tribes** (S)(R) **1.30 A Taste of Britain** (S)(R) **2.15 Caravanner of the Year** (S)(R) **3.15 Nature's Miracle Babies** (S)(R) **4.15 Natural World: Madagascar, Lemurs and Spies** (S)(R) **5.15 Antiques Road Trip** (S)(R) **6.00 Eggheads** (S) **6.30 Letterbox** (S)

7.00 Yorkshire Wolds Way with Paul Rose Part two of two. Paul Rose explores the national trail. (S)(R)
7.30 RHS: Tatton Flower Show 2017 Part two of two. (S)

8.00 Golf: The Open Eilidh Barbour present highlights of the second day of the prestigious event. (S)

9.00

10.00 QI Josh Widdicombe, Susan Calman and Matt Lucas answer questions on Noel. (S)(R)
10.30 Newsnight (S)

11.00 Weather (S)
11.05 Top of the Lake Robin suspects one of Tui's friends is stealing food for her. (S)(R)

12.05 Top of the Lake (S)(R) **1.05** Sign Zone: Trump's Fortress America – Panorama (S)(R) **1.35** The Betrayed Girls (S)(R) **3.05** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News** (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **3.00 David Dickinson's Name Your Price** (S) **3.59 Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **5.00 The Chase** (S)(R) **6.00 ITV Regional News** (S) **6.30 ITV News;** Weather (S)

7.00 Emmerdale Jai offers Nell his support. (S)
7.30 Coronation Street Craig takes a risk by secretly recording Neil. (S)

8.00 The Secret World of Posh Pets A half-acre rabbit wonderland in Warwickshire. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Bethany confesses to the police. (S)

9.00 Benidorm Mateo runs a staff first-aid course, Kenneth could be in for a windfall after the death of his uncle, and Troy and Jacqueline come up with a plan to save the salon. (S)(R)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S)
10.40 Joanna Lumley's India Joanna's adventures across India conclude. Last in the series. (S)(R)

11.40 Tipping Point Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S)(R)

12.35 Jackpot247 3.00 Storage Hoarders (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

8.30 Frasier (S)(R) **10.05 Undercover Boss USA** (S)(R) **11.00 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Couples Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **1.05 Posh Pawnbrokers** (S)(R) **2.10 Countdown** (S) **3.00 The Question Jury** (S) **4.00 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** (S) **5.00 Four in a Bed** (S)(R) **5.30 Come Dine with Me** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)
7.30 World Para Athletics Championships London 2017 Coverage of day eight of the Championships. (S)

10.00 The Last Leg With Paralympic athletes Ellie Simmonds, Jonnie Peacock and Liam Malone. (S)

11.05 Naked Attraction Two women look for new partners. (S)(R)

12.10 The Windsors (S)(R) **12.40** 8 Out of 10 Cats (S) **1.20 FILM Young Adult (2011) (15)** (S) **2.55** The Handmaid's Tale (S)(R) **3.55** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S) **4.50** Shipping Wars UK (S)(R) **5.15** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff 11.15 House Doctor (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 Big Brother** (S)(R) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.20 NCIS** (S)(R) **3.20 FILM Killer Instinct: From the Files of Agent Candice DeLong (2003) (15)** (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

7.00 Blind Date; (S)(R) 5 News Update (S)
7.55 FILM Legally Blonde (2001) (12) Comedy, with Reese Witherspoon. (S)

8.55 5 News Update (S)

9.00 FILM Legally Blonde (2001) (12) Concluded. (S)

10.00 Big Brother: Live Eviction Emma Willis announces the latest housemate to get the boot and chats to them about their whole Big Brother experience. (S)

11.30 Big Brother's Bit on the Side Rylan Clark-Neal meets the latest evictee. (S)

12.15 SuperCasino (S) **3.10** Big Brother: Eviction (S)(R) **4.20** Caught on Camera (S)(R) **4.45** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.10** Great Artists (S)(R) **5.35** Wildlife SOS (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Jonas Blue: The Hot Desk **6.10** You've Been Framed! Gold **6.35** Vanderpump Rules **7.20** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **8.00** Emmerdale **9.00** You've Been Framed! Gold **9.35** Scorpion **10.25** Below Deck **11.25** Vanderpump Rules **12.20** Emmerdale **1.30** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.00** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **2.50** The Jeremy Kyle Show **5.00** Judge Rinder **6.00** You've Been Framed! Top 100 Talent **7.00** You've Been Framed! Gold Top 100 Sport Stars **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** Love Island **10.05** Celebrity Juice: End of Series Special **10.50** Family Guy **12.15** American Dad! **1.10** CelebAbility **1.55** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** The Vamps: The Hot Desk **2.30** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Man About the House **6.25** Heartbeat **7.25** Where the Heart Is **8.25** Wild at Heart **9.25** Judge Judy **10.50** Road to Avonlea **11.55** Wycliffe **1.00** Heartbeat **2.05** The Royal **3.15** Wild at Heart **4.15** Man About the House **4.55** On the Buses **5.25** George and Mildred **6.00** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** The Street **10.20** Law & Order: UK **11.20** Wire in the Blood **12.20** Life of Crime **1.20** Prime Suspect V **3.15** Mr Selfridge **4.05** Davina McCall: Life at the Extreme **4.55** George and Mildred **5.20** On the Buses **5.45** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** Top of the Pops: 1984 **8.00** BBC Proms 2017 **10.00** Reginald D Hunter's Songs of the South **11.00** Sisters in Country: Dolly, Linda and Emmylou **12.00** Country Queens at the BBC **1.00** Top of the Pops: 1984 **1.35** Reginald D Hunter's Songs of the South **2.35** Sisters in Country: Dolly, Linda and Emmylou **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Hollyoaks **6.30** Rude(ish) Tube **6.55** Made in Chelsea **8.00** Rules of Engagement **9.00** Melissa & Joey **10.00** Baby Daddy **11.00** How I Met Your Mother **12.00** New Girl **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Melissa & Joey **3.00** Baby Daddy **4.00** Black-ish **5.00** The Goldbergs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** The Goldbergs **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Salt (2010) (12) Action thriller, starring Angelina Jolie. **11.00** The Big Bang Theory **12.00** Gogglebox **1.00** Rude Tube **2.05** First Dates **3.00** First Dates Abroad **3.25** Tattoo Fixers **4.15** How I Met Your Mother **4.40** Rules of Engagement

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **10.00** The Supervet **11.00** Four in a Bed **1.40** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **3.50** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces **4.40** UEFA Women's Euro 2017. **7.30** UEFA Women's Euro 2017. Germany v Italy (kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** Dicte – Crime Reporter **11.00** 24 Hours in A&E **1.05** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.00** Grand Designs **3.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.50** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Halls of Montezuma (1950) (U) **1.15** The Last Sunset (1961) (PG) **3.30** The Devil at 4 O'Clock (1961) (PG) **6.15** The Karate Kid (2010) (PG) **9.00** Transporter 2 (2005) (15) **10.40** Sexy Beast (2000) (18) Crime thriller, starring Ray Winstone and Ben Kingsley. **12.25** Cheap Thrills (2013) (15) **2.05** The Texas Chain Saw Massacre (1974) (18) **3.50** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.00** Deadly 60 **8.10** American Pickers **9.00** Storage Hunters **10.00** American Pickers **12.00** Deadly 60 **1.00** Top Gear **3.00** Projects **4.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **5.00** Top Gear **8.00** Deadly 60 on a Mission **9.00** FILM: Heat (1995) (15) Crime thriller, starring Robert De Niro and Al Pacino. **12.30** Mock the Week **1.15** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.15** Reginald D Hunter Live **3.35** The Indestructibles **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 The Bill **8.00** Dangerfield **9.00** Monarch of the Glen **10.00** All Creatures Great and Small **11.00** The Bill **1.00** Last of the Summer Wine **1.40** Waiting for God **2.20** Birds of a Feather **3.00** Dangerfield **4.00** Monarch of the Glen **5.00** All Creatures Great and Small **6.00** Waiting for God **6.40** Last of the Summer Wine **7.20** Keeping Up Appearances **8.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **9.00** Death in Paradise **10.20** The Inspector Lynley Mysteries **12.20** Taggart **3.00** Birds of a Feather **3.35** Garden Hopping **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Road Wars **7.00** Hawaii Five-0 **8.00** Zoo Tales **8.30** Road Wars **9.00** It's Me or the Dog **10.00** Sanctuary **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **5.00** Stargate Atlantis **6.00** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Modern Family **9.00** Zoo **10.00** FILM: Con Air (1997) (18) Action thriller, starring Nicolas Cage. **12.15** The Force: North East **1.15** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **2.10** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue **5.00** Highway Cops

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Fish Town **8.00** Storm City **10.00** The West Wing **12.00** Without a Trace **1.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **2.00** Blue Bloods **3.00** Storm City **4.00** The West Wing **6.00** Without a Trace **7.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** FILM: The Wizard of Lies (2017) Drama, starring Robert De Niro. **11.30** Game of Thrones **12.40** Deadwood **1.40** Ray Donovan **3.50** Nurse Jackie **4.20** The West Wing

W SKY: 109

6.10 Judge Faith **7.00** My Dream Home **10.00** The Bill **11.00** Tipping Point **1.00** Hairy Bikers' Mississippi Adventure **2.00** MasterChef USA **3.00** Who Do You Think You Are? USA **4.00** My Family **6.00** Tipping Point **7.00** Celebrity MasterChef **8.30** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals **9.00** FILM: Election (1999) (15) Satirical comedy, starring Matthew Broderick and Reese Witherspoon. **11.00** EastEnders **11.40** One Born Every Minute **12.40** MasterChef Australia **1.30** The Strain **2.20** Judge Faith **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 The Piglet Files **8.20** Ever Decreasing Circles **9.00** The Brittas Empire **9.40** Last of the Summer Wine **11.40** Ever Decreasing Circles **12.20** The Brittas Empire **1.00** Porridge **1.40** Open All Hours **2.20** Citizen Khan **3.00** Fawlty Towers **3.40** Last of the Summer Wine **5.40** Porridge **6.20** Open All Hours **7.00** Citizen Khan **7.40** Fawlty Towers **8.20** Bread **9.00** The Royle Family **9.55** Mrs Brown's Boys **11.15** Bottom **12.35** The Mighty Boosh **1.55** Spaced **3.00** The Armando Iannucci Shows **3.30** House of Fools **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Good Morning Sports Fans **6.30** The Open Live. **8.00** Live Betfred Super League. Wigan Warriors v Leeds Rhinos (kick-off 8.00pm). **10.00** Sky Sports News at Ten **11.00** Through the Night **12.05** Live MLS. **2.30** Through the Night

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Saturday July 22nd

BBC1

Would I Lie to You?, 10.10pm

DAYTIME

10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) **11.30 Nadiya's British Food Adventure** (S)(R) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News** (S) **1.15 Athletics: Diamond League Monaco Highlights** (S) **2.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.00 Flog It!** (S)(R) **3.30 FILM Kung Fu Panda 2 (2011) (PG)** (S) **4.50 FILM Shrek the Third (2007) (U)** (S) **6.15 BBC News** (S) **6.25 News** (S) **6.35 Pointless Celebrities** (S)(R)

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7.25 Pitch Battle The grand final of the singing contest arrives. Last in the series. (S)

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9.00 Casualty Part two of two. Mickey's mother Denise catches on to his big secret. (S)
9.50 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

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10.10 Would I Lie to You? With Rhod Gilbert, Jamie Laing, Tracy-Ann Oberman and Claudia Winkleman. (S)(R)
10.40 FILM Eagle Eye (2008) (12) Thriller, with Shia LaBeouf. (S)

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AFTER 12

12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.35** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Proms Extra, 6.50pm

10.00 Monty Halls' Great Irish Escape (S)(R) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 Nigel and Adam's Farm Kitchen** (S)(R) **1.00 FILM Becoming Jane (2006) (PG)** (S) **2.50 My Friend Jane** (S) **3.20 Jane Austen: Behind Closed Doors** (S)(R) **4.20 University Challenge** (S)(R) **4.50 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **5.50 The Sweet Makers: A Tudor Treat** (S)(R) **6.50 Proms Extra** (S)

7.30 Dad's Army Captain Mainwaring's men acquire a boat. (S)(R)

8.00 Golf: The Open Eilidh Barbour presents highlights of the third day of the prestigious event, which takes place at Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport.

10.00 Performance Live: Why it's Kicking Off Everywhere Kirsty Wark introduces a production of journalist Paul Mason's "popular protest" play. (S)

11.00 QI XL With Sue Perkins, Romesh Ranganathan and Bill Bailey. (S)
11.45 FILM Cosmopolis (2012) (15) David Cronenberg's drama, with Robert Pattinson. (S)

1.25 FILM Tim (1979) (PG) Romantic drama, starring Mel Gibson and Piper Laurie. (S) **3.10** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Catchphrase, 7.20pm

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 The Home Game** (S)(R) **10.25 The Voice Kids Final** (S)(R) **12.10 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.25 Live Pre-Season Football** (S) **2.55 Tipping Point** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S)(R) **4.00 The Chase** (S)(R) **5.00 Little Big Shots USA** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.10 ITV News** (S) **6.20 You've Been Framed! XXL** (S)(R)

7.20 Catchphrase Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (S)

8.00 FILM The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) Unassuming hobbit Bilbo Baggins is recruited to join a band of dwarves on a quest to reclaim their lost homeland. Fantasy adventure, with Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen. (S)

10.00 FILM Fast & Furious 6 (2013) (12) Action thriller sequel, with Vin Diesel and Dwayne Johnson. (S)

11.15 ITV News; Weather (S)
11.35 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)(R)

12.30 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen**

Channel 4

World Para Athletics Championships London 2017, 7pm

6.20 Cycling: Velothon Wales (S) **7.15 Motor Sport: British Rally Championship** (S) **7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.35 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.05 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **11.25 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.55 Four in a Bed** (S)(R) **3.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S)(R) **4.30 Big House, Little House** (S) **5.35 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It** (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 World Para Athletics Championships London 2017 Coverage of the evening session on day nine of the Championships. (S)

10.00 FILM Fast & Furious 6 (2013) (12) Action thriller sequel, with Vin Diesel and Dwayne Johnson. (S)

11.00 Qi XL With Sue Perkins, Romesh Ranganathan and Bill Bailey. (S)
11.45 FILM Cosmopolis (2012) (15) David Cronenberg's drama, with Robert Pattinson. (S)

12.30 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **1.20** 60 Days in Jail (S)(R) **2.10** Hollyoaks (S) **4.15** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S) **5.10** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures (S)(R) **5.25** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

Channel 5

Blind Date, 7pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.15 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles The Super Shredder returns to seek vengeance against the Turtles. (S) **10.55 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) **11.20 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **1.20 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun** (S)(R) **3.15 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** (S)(R) **5.10 5 News Weekend** (S) **5.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R)

7.00 Blind Date The dating game show concludes. Last in the series. (S)

8.00 Named and Shamed: Greatest Celebrity Scandals A rundown of the most salacious celebrity scandals. (S)

9.00 Big Brother Daily round-up of highlights, featuring more games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat, as well as reactions to the latest eviction. (S)

10.00 20 Moments That Shocked Comedy Countdown of memorable comedy moments. Last in the series. (S)(R)

11.25 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong. (S)(R)
11.50 Access Showbiz news and gossip.

12.00 SuperCasino (S) **3.10 FILM Under Ten Flags (1960) (U)** (S) **4.45** Access (R) **4.50** Great Artists (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels o Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 You've Been Framed! Gold **6.25** Emmerdale **9.20** Coronation Street **11.50** FILM: Hulk (2003) (12) Comic-strip adventure, starring Eric Bana. **12.50** FYI Daily **12.55** FILM: Hulk (2003) (12) Concluded. **2.35** The Voice Kids Final **4.20** FILM: Babe (1995) (U) Family comedy, starring James Cromwell. **5.20** FYI Daily **5.25** FILM: Babe (1995) (U) Concluded. **6.15** FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man (2012) (12) Superhero adventure reboot, starring Andrew Garfield. **7.15** FYI Daily **7.20** FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man (2012) (12) Concluded. **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hot List **10.05** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Family Guy **12.15** American Dad! **1.10** FILM: Zack and Miri Make a Porno (2008) (18) Comedy, starring Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks. **2.10** FYI Daily **2.15** FILM: Zack and Miri Make a Porno (2008) (18) **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Judge Judy **6.20** Murder, She Wrote **9.10** The Darling Buds of May **10.20** Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide **12.20** Wycliffe **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Newbury, Market Rasen & Newmarket. Coverage of today's meetings from Newbury, Market Rasen and Newmarket. **4.00** Kate: The Making of a Modern Queen **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** FILM: Mamma Mia! (2008) (PG) Musical comedy, starring Meryl Streep. **8.05** FYI Daily **8.10** FILM: Mamma Mia! (2008) (PG) Concluded. **9.10** Foyle's War **11.20** Law & Order: UK **2.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Forest, Field & Sky: Art Out of Nature **8.00** The Last Seabird Summer? **9.00** I Know Who You Are **11.25** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.35** How to Be a World Music Star: Buena Vista, Bhundu Boys and Beyond **2.05** A to Z of World Music **3.35** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 How I Met Your Mother **6.50** Couples Come Dine with Me **9.00** How I Met Your Mother **11.30** The Goldbergs **1.00** FILM: Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back (2010) (U) Animated sci-fi comedy sequel, with the voice of Zack Shada. **2.40** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **3.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Speed (1994) (15) Action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves. **11.20** Gogglebox **1.30** Tattoo Fixers **2.35** Rude Tube **3.25** Gogglebox **4.15** How I Met Your Mother **5.00** Rude(ish) Tube

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Food Unwrapped **9.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **1.30** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes **2.35** Come Dine with Me **5.15** Four in a Bed **7.55** Spying on the Royals **9.00** The Royal House of Windsor **10.20** Wallis Simpson: The Secret Letters **11.25** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.30** Father Ted **2.40** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) (U) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of John Leguizamo. **1.00** Grease (1978) (PG) Romantic musical, with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. **3.10** Carry On Cabby (1963) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James and Hattie Jacques. **4.55** Robots (2005) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Ewan McGregor. **6.40** Men in Black 3 (2012) (PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith. **9.00** Darkman (1990) (18) Thriller, starring Liam Neeson. **10.50** The Counsellor (2013) (18) Ridley Scott's crime thriller, starring Michael Fassbender. **1.05** Sleepy Hollow (1999) (15) Horror, starring Johnny Depp. **3.20** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Traffic Cops **7.35** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **8.30** Top Gear **9.30** Projects **10.30** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **11.30** Go 8 Bit: DLC **12.00** The Joy of Techs **1.00** Traffic Cops **3.00** Sin City Motors **5.00** Would I Lie to You? **7.00** Not Going Out **9.00** FILM: Demolition Man (1993) (15) Sci-fi thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone. **11.15** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.20** QI XL **2.15** Mock the Week **2.50** Game of Arms **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.20 Birds of a Feather **7.55** The Last Detective **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** When the Boat Comes In **5.00** Porridge **7.00** Maisie Raine **8.00** Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries **9.00** Taggart **11.50** Waking the Dead **2.15** Fallen Angel **3.30** Garden Hopping **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Football's Funniest Moments **8.30** The F1 Show **9.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **2.00** Dogs: An Amazing Animal Family **3.00** It's Me or the Dog **4.30** Modern Family **7.00** Football's Funniest Moments **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.0** A League of Their Own: US Road Trip 2.0 **10.00** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **11.00** A League of The Own **1.00** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **2.00** Hawaii Five 0 **3.00** Most Daring **4.00** It's Me or the Dog **4.30** It's Me or the Dog **5.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **9.00** Fish Town **11.00** Regarding Susan Sontag **1.00** House **4.00** Without a Trace **9.00** FILM: The Departed (2006) (18) Gangster thriller, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Matt Damon. **11.50** Ray Donovan **2.15** Twin Peaks: The Return **3.25** Nurse Jackie **4.00** Urban Secrets **5.00** Fis Town

W SKY: 109

6.10 Judge Faith **6.35** The Bill **11.40** EastEnders **2.1** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **5.15** My Family **8.00** One Born Every Minute **9.00** FILM: Unfaithful (2002) (15) Thriller, starring Diane Lane. **11.40** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **12.40** MasterChef Australia **2.15** Judg Faith **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 The Piglet Files **7.50** Bread **8.25** Last of the Summer Wine **10.20** Only Fools and Horses **9.40** Mrs Brown's Boys **10.20** Live at the Apollo **11.20** The Your Ones **12.55** Black Books **2.00** FILM: Bill Hicks: Sane Man (1989) (18) Stand-up performance recorded in Texas in 1989. **3.30** The Life of Rock with Brian Pern **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY 401

6.00 Live Super Rugby. Live coverage of a match from the play-offs in the southern hemisphere (kick-off TBA). **8.00** The Open Live. Day three from Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport. **10.30** Live Premier League Asia Trophy. The third-place play-off (kick-off 11.00am). **1.00** Live Premier League Asia Trophy. The final (kick-off 1.30pm). **3.30** The Open Live. Day three from Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport. **8.00** Live GAA. Galway v Donegal. **9.00** Live World Matchplay Darts. The evening session on day one. **11.00** Through the Night **12.00** Football **12.05** Live MLS. Toronto FC v Colorado Rapids (kick-off 12.08am). **2.10** Through the Night

ADVERTORIAL

Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets.

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing **too little, too late** to protect their hard-earned assets.

Paul King, Head of April King Legal

Care Cost Fees

"A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the Local Authority to help pay for these services."

"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £14,250, when the Local Authority will take over the fees."

"For instance, my own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grandfather had died many years earlier and left everything to her."

"When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the estate was counted in the Local Authority's means test."

"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?'"

"Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £14,250 and that's all her children inherited."

"There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being used like this."

"The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, so it won't be taken into consideration for means testing. That's just not true."

"Local Authorities will actually look to see if you've 'deliberately deprived' yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period in time."

"Sometimes people think that if the gift is made seven years prior then the house is safe. This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not Local Authority care."

"The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place."

"What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house in trust to his children, stating that they couldn't have it while his wife, my grandmother, was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If my grandfather had left his half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life she would only have been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been safe."

"Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?"

"The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, through a stroke for example, then they are no longer in a position to do this legitimate and straightforward type of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an issue."

Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn remarriage usually cancels a Will and makes the spouse next in line to inherit, ahead of their own children! Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children ultimately inherit when the survivor dies.

"Had my grandmother remarried after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed sideways out of the family," says Paul.

Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a Will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a Will that deals with their estate on death, and a Lasting Power of Attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

"There are two types of Lasting Power of Attorney – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare."

"In many ways it's similar to a passport; a document that's registered now and one which can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise."

"It allows the attorneys, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they should receive care."

"Your attorneys, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available."

"Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Lasting Power of Attorney document."

"Having a Lasting Power of Attorney removes the burden on children should ill health happen further down the line."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and ceases on death."

"Crucially, you have to complete a Lasting Power of Attorney while you are still in good mental health."

"If someone becomes ill through say, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process."

"It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future burden from the family."

"Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

"It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us."

"People think, 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."

"The Lasting Power of Attorney remains in place until you die unless you want to cancel it."

"Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness. A burden has been removed from the family at an already difficult time."

Bloodline Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard 'Mirror Wills' with other firms before approaching the Firm. A Mirror Will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means these type of Wills leave a lot to chance.

Explains Paul: "If I have a Mirror Will leaving everything to my wife and she remarries or goes into care after my death then either the new husband or the Local Authority are likely to inherit most, if not all, of my estate ahead of my children."

"Even if my children are named in my Mirror Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything."

"Once again, this is because a remarriage would cancel the Will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin."

"This often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would one day inherit."

"The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a Mirror Will."

"If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband or wife and that son-in-law or daughter-in-law should then remarry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance."

"Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work."

"I've experienced this in my own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences or heard of someone who has."

"Bloodline Trust Wills give greater protection to your children."

"These type of Wills not only give your children complete control and access to the inheritance they receive from you, they also grant added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life."

"The wording in these Wills states that any money left over on their demise must pass to any children born of them – your grandchildren."

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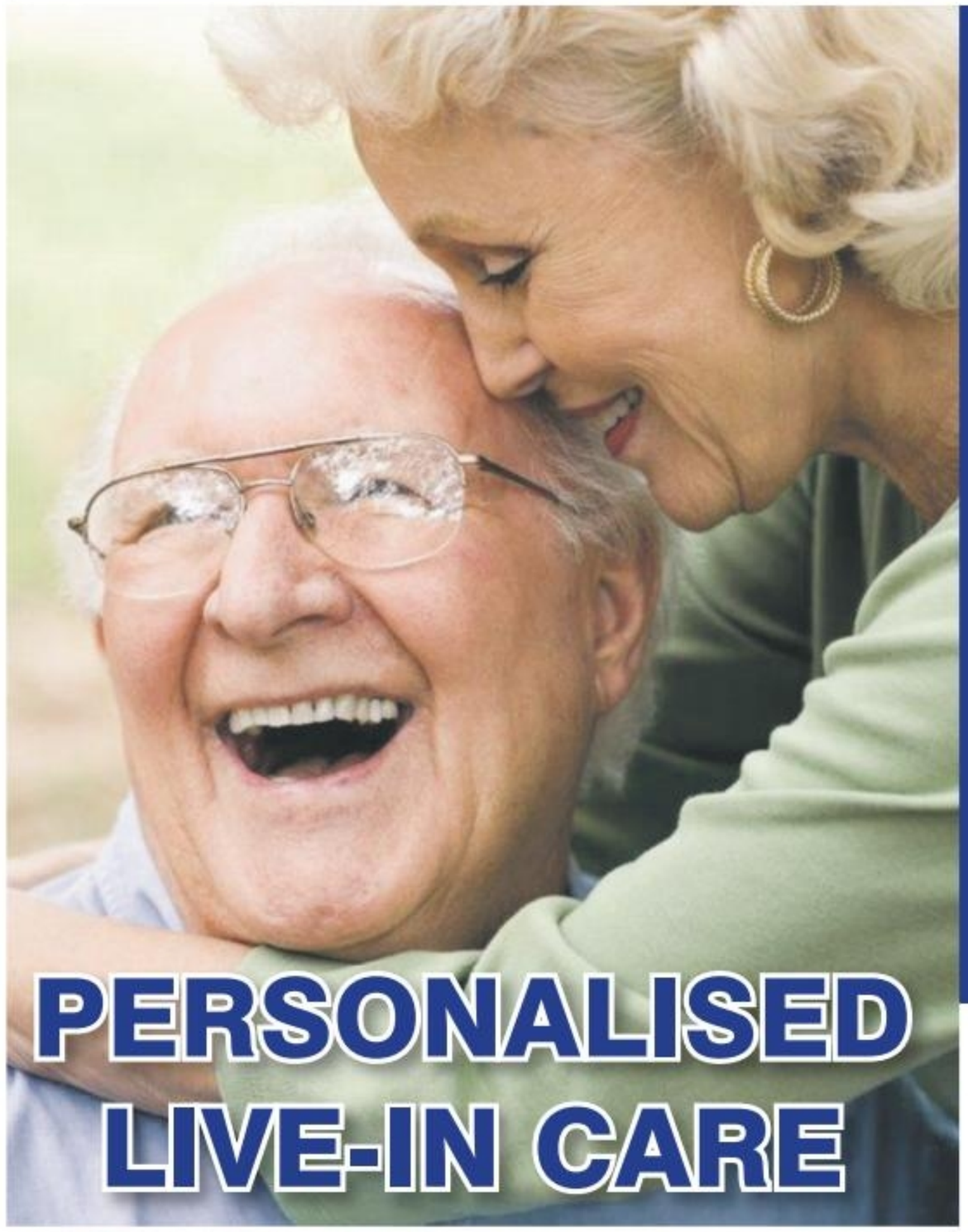

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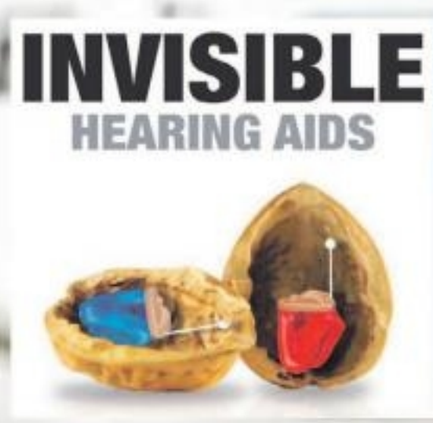

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Sunday July 23rd

DAYTIME

BBC1

Countryfile, 8pm

10.00 Sunday Morning Live (S) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **2.15 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **3.00 FILM Oz the Great and Powerful (2013) (PG)** (S) **5.00 Lifeline** (S) **5.10 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.45 Pointless Celebrities** (S)(R) **6.30 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)

7 **7.00 Wild Alaska Live** New series. Liz Bonnin, Matt Baker and Steve Backshall present footage of animals during the annual salmon migration. (S)

8 **8.00 Countryfile** John Craven visits a conservation project for great bustards in Salisbury Plain. (S)

9 **9.00 Poldark** George plans to stand for parliament, but fails to make a good impression on a potential ally at Caroline's wedding reception. Hugh becomes infatuated with Demelza. (S)

10 **10.00 BBC News** (S) **10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **10.30 Miranda Hart – My What I Call Live Show** (S)(R)

11 **11.30 FILM Gambit (2012) (12)** Comedy remake, starring Colin Firth, Cameron Diaz and Alan Rickman. (S)

AFTER 12 **12.50 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **12.55** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Live Swimming: World Championships, 5pm

7.45 Gardeners' World (S)(R) **8.45 The Beechgrove Garden** (S)(R) **9.15 Countryfile** (S)(R) **10.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.45 Nigel Slater: Eating Together** (S)(R) **12.15 Hairy Bikers' Best of British** (S)(R) **1.00 Diving: World Championships** (S) **2.30 Wanted Down Under** (S)(R) **3.15 Natural World: Living with Baboons** (S)(R) **4.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **5.00 Live Swimming: World Championships** (S)

7 **7.00 Inside the Factory** Gregg Wallace, Cherry Healey and Ruth Goodman return to investigate the origins and production of more household staples. (S)(R)

8 **8.00 Golf: The Open** Eilidh Barbour present highlights of the final day of the prestigious event. (S)

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10 **10.00 FILM Maps to the Stars (2014) (18)** Premiere. David Cronenberg's drama, starring Julianne Moore and Mia Wasikowska. (S)

11 **11.45 FILM The Skin I Live In (2011) (15)** Pedro Almodovar's thriller, starring Antonio Banderas and Elena Anaya.

AFTER 12 **1.35 Sign Zone: Countryfile** (S)(R) **2.35** Holby City (S)(R) **3.35** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Chase Celebrity Special, 6.30pm

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Wild Animal Reunions** (S)(R) **10.20 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **11.20 Love Your Garden** (R) **12.20 James Martin's French Adventure** (S)(R) **12.50 ITV News** (S) **12.55 Rebound** (S)(R) **1.55 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **2.55 Bear Grylls Survival School** (S)(R) **3.25 FILM Octopussy (1983) (PG)** (S) **6.00 News** (S) **6.10 ITV News** (S) **6.30 The Chase Celebrity Special** (S)

7 **7.30 FILM Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005) (12)** Fourth instalment of the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Robert Pattinson. (S)

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10 **10.20 ITV News;** Weather (S) **10.40 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories** The 2011 case of the murder of Sian O'Callaghan, who was killed by a taxi driver. (S)(R)

11 **11.40 Take Me Out** A firefighter, a barber, a test driver and a gym instructor try to impress 30 single women and win a date. (S)(R)

AFTER 12 **12.45 Jackpot247 3.00** Motorsport UK (S) **3.50 ITV** Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

UEFA Women's Euro 2017, 7.30pm

6.20 Last Man Standing (S) **7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Eat the Week** (S) **1.30 FILM Eragon (2006) (PG)** (S) **3.35 The Restoration Man** (S)(R) **4.35 Homes by the Sea** (S) **5.35 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.00 World Para Athletics Championships London 2017** Coverage of the evening session on the final day of the Championships. (S)

7 **7.30 UEFA Women's Euro 2017** England v Spain (kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the second match in Group D for both sides. (S)

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10 **10.00 The Handmaid's Tale** Offred is given a mission by the May Day rebels, to return to Jezebels and collect something they need. Janine takes drastic action after being forced to give up her baby.

11 **11.05 FILM Kingdom of Heaven (2005) (15)** Ridley Scott's historical epic, starring Orlando Bloom, Eva Green and Liam Neeson. (S)

AFTER 12 **1.40 Undercover Boss USA** (S)(R) **2.30** The Last Leg (S)(R) **3.25** KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) **3.55** Gillette World Sport (S) **4.20** Shipping Wars UK (S)(R) **5.00** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures (S)(R) **5.05** Location, Location, Location (R)

Channel 5

OMG! My Midlife Plastic Crisis, 11.50pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.15 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S) **10.50 Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) **11.15 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **2.10 FILM Little Nicky (2000) (12)** Comedy fantasy, starring Adam Sandler. (S) **3.45 FILM Legally Blonde (2001) (12)** (S) **4.50 5 News Update 4.55 FILM Legally Blonde (2001) (12)** (S) **5.35 FILM Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (1994) (12)**

7 **7.10 Funniest Cutest Kittens Ever** Compilation of comical clips involving cats. (S)

8 **8.00 Big Brother** Daily round-up of highlights. (S) **8.55 5 News Weekend** (S)

9 **9.00 Whitney and Bobby: Addicted to Love** Documentary drama exploring the story of Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown's relationship from 1990 through to her death in 2012. (S)(R)

10 **10.50 Whitney Houston: Her Greatest Hits** A celebration of the performer's most popular songs and music videos. (S)(R)

11 **11.50 OMG! My Midlife Plastic Crisis** People using surgery to recapture their lost youth. (S)

AFTER 12 **12.50 Access** (S)(R) **1.00** SuperCasino (S) **3.10** The Kidnapping of Shergar (S) (R) **4.00** The Railways That Built Britain with Chris Tarrant (S)(R) **4.50** Great Artists (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emmerdale **8.55** Coronation Street **11.15** Ninja Warrior UK **12.15** You've Been Framed! Gold Top 100 Sport Stars **1.20** FILM: See Spot Run (2001) (PG) Comedy, starring David Arquette. **2.20** FYI Daily **2.25** FILM: See Spot Run (2001) (PG) Concluded. **3.15** FILM: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) (U) Comedy sequel, starring Chris O'Donnell. **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** FILM: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) (U) Concluded. **4.55** FILM: The Smurfs 2 (2013) (U) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Hank Azaria. **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00** FILM: The Smurfs 2 (2013) (U) Concluded. **7.00** FILM: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. **8.05** FYI Daily **8.10** FILM: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Concluded. **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Love Island: Aftersun **11.20** Family Guy **12.40** American Dad! **1.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.05** The Vamps: The Hot Desk **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 George and Mildred **6.25** Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide **8.20** Heartbeat **10.30** Murder, She Wrote **11.30** The Darling Buds of May **12.40** FILM: Columbo: Agenda for Murder (1990) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGoohan. **2.45** Wycliffe **3.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.55** Foyle's War **8.00** Lewis **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.00** Wire in the Blood **1.55** Lewis **3.35** May the Best House Win **5.15** On the Buses **5.45** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 BBC Proms 2017. Bernard Haitink conducts the Chamber Orchestra of Europe in a concert from the Royal Albert Hall, featuring his own Prague Symphony, Schumann's Second Symphony, and violinist Isabelle Faust performing Mozart's Third Violin Concerto. **8.50** Operation Crossbow. The little-known story of Spitfire pilots and Allied technicians whose work helped to thwart the Nazis during the Second World War. The programme reveals how stereoscopic 3D photographs were used to help interpreters map every contour of the enemy's territory, and uses personal testimony, computer-generated imagery and original wartime pictures to detail how the initiative was able to uncover some of Hitler's most dangerous secrets. Narrated by Samantha Bond. **9.50** Storyville: Accidental Anarchist: Life without Government. A former diplomat seeks an alternative to Western democracy. **10.50** After Life: The Strange Science of Decay **12.20** Dissected: The Incredible Human Foot **1.20** Britain's Whale Hunters: The Untold Story **2.20** Neil Diamond: Electric Prom **3.25** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Kevin Can Wait **6.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **8.25** Hollyoaks **11.00** FILM: Astro Boy (2009) (PG) Animated sci-fi adventure, with the voice of Freddie Highmore. **12.45** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **1.00** New Girl **2.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** FILM: Fantastic Four (2005) (PG) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Ioan Gruffudd. **10.00** FILM: Sinister (2012) (15) Horror, starring Ethan Hawke. **12.15** Rude Tube **1.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.10** Gogglebox **3.10** Rude Tube **3.35** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Food Unwrapped **9.15** Location, Location, Location **11.10** Come Dine with Me **1.50** Four in a Bed **4.30** UEFA Women's Euro 2017. Scotland v Portugal (kick-off 5.00pm). **7.30** Guy Martin: Last Flight of the Vulcan Bomber **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game **11.50** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.50** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.45** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Earth vs the Flying Saucers (1956) (U) Sci-fi drama, starring Hugh Marlowe. **1.00** Cutthroat Island (1995) (PG) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Geena Davis. **3.20** Johnny English (2003) (PG) Spy comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. **5.15** Titanic (1997) (12) Romantic drama, starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio. **9.00** The Ladykillers (2004) (15) Comedy remake, starring Tom Hanks. **11.05** Snake Eyes (1998) (15) Thriller, starring Nicolas Cage. **1.10** Conspirators of Pleasure (1996) (18) **3.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Top Gear **9.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **10.00** Motorway Cops **11.00** Traffic Cops **12.00** Top Gear **2.00** Would I Lie to You? **4.00** Top Gear **6.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **7.00** Motorway Cops **8.00** Traffic Cops **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Live at the Apollo **11.00** Taskmaster **12.00** QI XL **1.00** Mock the Week **2.50** Game of Arms **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 The Bill **10.45** Call the Midwife **2.45** Catherine Cookson's Colour Blind **5.45** The Musketeers **7.00** Jonathan Creek **8.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **9.00** Silent Witness **11.20** Spooks **12.40** Fallen Angel **3.30** Garden Hopping **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Futurama **9.30** Football's Funniest Moments **10.00** Drone Racing League **12.00** WWE Raw Hits **1.00** It's Me or the Dog **3.30** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **4.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Dogs: An Amazing Animal Family **9.00** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **10.00** The Force: North East **11.00** Zoo **12.00** A League of Their Own **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** Night Cops **3.00** Most Daring **4.00** It's Me or the Dog **5.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.30** Fish Town **10.30** House **1.30** Flying Monsters with David Attenborough **3.00** Attenborough at 90: Behind the Lens **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **10.10** 1993 **11.20** Riviera **12.20** Nurse Jackie **12.50** Game of Thrones **3.10** Twin Peaks: The Return **4.20** Fish Town

W SKY: 109

6.10 Judge Faith **7.00** Traffic Cops **8.00** Celebrity MasterChef **1.00** Doctor Who **3.00** My Family **5.00** Outnumbered **7.00** One Born Every Minute **10.00** Educating Yorkshire **11.00** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **12.00** One Born Every Minute **1.00** Doctor Who **1.50** MasterChef Australia **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 The Piglet Files **7.50** Last of the Summer Wine **10.30** Only Fools and Horses **10.10** Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow **11.10** Men Behaving Badly **12.30** Big Train **2.20** The Life of Rock with Brian Pern **3.30** Men Behaving Badly **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Good Morning Sports Fans **8.00** The Open Live. Day four from Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport. **7.00** The Open Verdict **7.30** Live World Matchplay Darts. The evening session on day two. **11.00** Through the Night **11.45** Live MLS. Vancouver Whitecaps v Portland Timbers (kick-off TBA). **2.00** Through the Night

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DAYTIME

BBC1

EastEnders, 8pm

10.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) **11.00 Food: Truth or Scare** (S)(R) **11.45 Rip Off Britain: Holidays** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Red Rock** (S) **2.30 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.30 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **4.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **5.15 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News** (S)

7
- **7.00 The Farmers' Country Showdown** (S)
- **7.30 Jodi's Lovely Letters** Aled Jones meets writer Jodi Ann Bickley; (S) BBC News; Regional News (S)

8
- **8.00 EastEnders** Recent events prompt one resident to seek revenge. (S)
- **8.30 Men, Boys and Eating Disorders – Panorama** (S)

9
- **9.00 DIY SOS: The Big Build** Nick Knowles and the team are joined by local tradespeople in Dartford to transform the home of a family whose 13-year-old son has cerebral palsy. (S)(R)

10
- **10.00 BBC News at Ten** (S)
- **10.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S)
- **10.45 Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle** The comedian receives a mysterious phone call. (S)(R)

11
- **11.15 Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You** (S)(R)
- **11.15 Granada/YTV The Super League Show** (S)

AFTER 12
- **12.00 Who Do You Think You Are?** (S)(R) **1.00** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.05** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Ripper Street, 9pm

8.00 Sign Zone: Great British Menu (S)(R) **9.00 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC Newsroom Live** (S) **1.00 Athletics: Diamond League Monaco Highlights** (S)(R) **2.00 Two Tribes** (S)(R) **2.30 The Best Dishes Ever** (S)(R) **3.00 This Wild Life** (S)(R) **3.30 Super Senses: The Secret Power of Animals** (S)(R) **4.30 Live Swimming: World Championships** (S) **6.00 Eggheads** (S) **6.30 Letterbox** (S)

- **7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip** Actresses Jennifer Saunders and Patricia Potter take to the road with experts Philip Serrell and Mark Stacey. (S)(R)
- **8.00 University Challenge** Trinity College, Cambridge, takes on Bristol. (S)
- **8.30 Nadiya's British Food Adventure** (S)
- **9.00 Ripper Street** Reid and Jackson must bring down Assistant Commissioner Augustus Dove to prove themselves innocent. Last in the series. (S)
- **10.00 Normal for Norfolk** Desmond MacCarthy ponders the future of Wiveton Hall. (S)
- **10.30 Newsnight** (S)
- **11.10 Weather** (S)
- **11.15 The Mash Report** (S)(R)
- **11.45 Cleverman** New series. Sci-fi drama, starring Hunter Page-Lochard. (S)

12.40 Sign Zone: Supermarket Shopping Secrets (S)(R) **1.40** Me and My Dog: The Ultimate Contest (S)(R) **2.40** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Emmerdale, 7pm

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **3.00 Tenable** (S)(R) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **5.00 The Chase** (S)(R) **6.00 ITV Regional News** (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News;** Weather (S)

- **7.00 Emmerdale** Rhona is anxious about going to court. (S)
- **7.30 Coronation Street** Toyah and Peter settle in as the new Rovers owners. (S)
- **8.00 Call the Cleaners** New series. Documentary following the work of extreme cleaners. (S)
- **8.30 Coronation Street** (S)
- **9.00 Diana, Our Mother: Her Life and Legacy** The Duke of Cambridge and Prince Harry talk about their mother Diana, Princess of Wales. (S)
- **10.30 ITV News;** Weather (S)
- **11.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S)
- **11.15 Killer Women with Piers Morgan** (S)(R)

12.10 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Hollyoaks, 6.30pm

8.35 Frasier (S)(R) **10.05 Undercover Boss USA** (S)(R) **11.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Couples Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **1.05 Posh Pawn** (S)(R) **2.10 Countdown** (S) **3.00 The Question Jury** (S) **4.00 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** (S) **5.00 Four in a Bed** (S)(R) **5.30 Come Dine with Me** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

- **7.00 Channel 4 News** (S)
- **8.00 Bear About the House: Living with my Supersized Pet** Documentary exploring the relationship between people and their exotic pets. (S)
- **9.00 999: What's Your Emergency?** New series. The return of the programme following the emergency services. (S)
- **10.00 Britain's Benefit Tenants** Documentary following the work of specialist letting agencies. (S)(R)
- **11.00 60 Days in Jail** Criminal justice student Dion is the last volunteer to enter the jail. (S)

12.00 A Very British Brothel (S)(R) **1.00** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (S)(R) **1.45** The Supervet (S)(R) **2.45** Escape to Costa Rica (S)(R) **3.40** Shipping Wars UK (S)(R) **4.05** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S) **5.00** Kirstie's Vintage Gems (S)(R)

Channel 5

Traffic Cops Special – Carjacked, 9pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff 11.15 The Yorkshire Vet (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 Big Brother** (S)(R) **1.10 Access** (S) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 NCIS: Murder in the Family** (S)(R) **3.15 FILM The Killing Game (2011) (12)** (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

- **7.00 Car Crash TV** Return of the programme showcasing events caught on film by dashboard-mounted cameras; (S)(R) 5 News Update (S)
- **8.00 King Tut's Tomb: The Hidden Chamber** Documentary examining recent discoveries made in the famous burial chamber; (S)(R) 5 News (S)
- **9.00 Traffic Cops Special – Carjacked** The officers' hunt for a stolen car ends in a dramatic foot chase. (S)
- **10.00 Big Brother** Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. (S)
- **11.05 Big Brother's Bit on the Side** Rylan Clark-Neal presents the live Big Brother companion show. (S)

12.05 Countdown to Murder (S)(R) **1.00** SuperCasino (S) **3.10** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords (S)(R) **4.00** Tribal Teens (S)(R) **4.45** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.10** Great Artists (S)(R) **5.35** Wildlife SOS (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Jonas Blue: The Hot Desk **6.10** You've Been Framed! Gold **6.35** Vanderpump Rules **7.20** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **8.00** Emmerdale **8.30** Coronation Street **9.35** You've Been Framed! Gold **10.00** The Great Indoors **10.30** Side Effects **11.00** LA Story **11.25** Vanderpump Rules **12.20** Emmerdale **12.55** Coronation Street **1.55** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **2.45** The Jeremy Kyle Show **4.55** Judge Rinder **5.55** You've Been Framed! Gold **6.50** FILM: Step Up (2006) (PG) **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00** FILM: Step Up (2006) (PG) **9.00** Love Island: The Live Final **10.35** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.55** CelebAbility **1.40** Safeword **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Man About the House **6.25** Heartbeat **7.25** Where the Heart Is **8.25** Wild at Heart **9.25** Judge Judy **10.50** Road to Avonlea **11.50** Wycliffe **1.00** Heartbeat **2.05** The Royal **3.10** Wild at Heart **4.15** Man About the House **4.50** On the Buses **5.20** George and Mildred **5.55** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Law & Order: UK **11.00** The Street **12.20** Mrs Biggs **1.45** On the Buses **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** The Royal Welsh Show 2017 **8.00** Horizon: 10 Things You Need to Know About the Future **9.00** The Joy of Stats **10.00** The Secret Science of Pop **11.00** Ocean Giants **12.00** Apples, Pears and Paint: How to Make a Still Life Painting **1.30** The Joy of Stats **2.30** Horizon: 10 Things You Need to Know About the Future **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Hollyoaks **6.30** Rude(ish) Tube **6.55** Made in Chelsea **8.00** Melissa & Joey **9.00** Black-ish **10.00** Baby Daddy **11.00** How I Met Your Mother **12.00** The Goldbergs **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Melissa & Joey **3.00** Baby Daddy **4.00** Black-ish **5.00** The Goldbergs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Coach Trip: Road to Zante **8.00** FILM: The Day After Tomorrow (2004) (12) Disaster thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Dennis Quaid. **10.25** Vlogglebox **11.30** The Big Bang Theory **12.30** Gogglebox **1.35** Rude Tube **2.35** First Dates **3.30** First Dates Abroad **3.55** New Girl **4.45** How I Met Your Mother

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **11.00** Four in a Bed **1.40** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **3.50** Time Team **5.55** Car SOS **6.55** The Supervet **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Secrets of China's Forbidden City **10.00** 24 Hours in A&E **12.05** Secrets of China's Forbidden City **1.10** 24 Hours in A&E **2.15** Grand Designs **3.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Master of the World (1961) (PG) **1.15** Gulliver's Travels (2010) (PG) **2.55** A Monster in Paris (2011) (U) **4.40** Flight of the Navigator (1986) (U) **6.25** Snow White & the Huntsman (2012) (12) **9.00** Broken City (2013) (15) **11.10** The Connection (2015) (15) Premiere. Fact-based crime thriller, starring Jean Dujardin. **1.50** Stand Up Guys (2012) (15) **3.45** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Traffic Cops **8.10** American Pickers **9.00** Storage Hunters **10.00** American Pickers **12.00** Deadly 60 **1.00** Top Gear **3.00** Brojects **4.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **5.00** Top Gear **7.00** Sin City Motors **8.00** Nev's Indian Call Centre **9.00** Live at the Apollo **10.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **11.00** David Beckham Into the Unknown **12.00** Would I Lie to You? **1.20** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.20** Would I Lie to You? **3.00** Game of Arms **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Great Expectations **8.00** Dangerfield **9.00** Monarch of the Glen **10.00** All Creatures Great and Small **11.00** The Bill **1.00** Last of the Summer Wine **1.40** Waiting for God **2.20** Birds of a Feather **3.00** Dangerfield **4.00** Monarch of the Glen **5.00** All Creatures Great and Small **6.00** Waiting for God **6.40** Last of the Summer Wine **7.20** Keeping Up Appearances **8.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **9.00** Death in Paradise **10.20** The Inspector Lynley Mysteries **12.20** Taggart **3.00** Birds of a Feather **3.35** Garden Hopping **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Road Wars **8.00** Flying Monsters with David Attenborough **10.00** Making David Attenborough's Flying Monsters **11.00** Football's Funniest Moments **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **2.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** MacGyver **4.00** The Flash **6.00** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **9.00** A League of Their Own **10.00** Micky Flanagan Thinking Aloud **11.00** Modern Family **12.00** A League of Their Own **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue **5.00** Highway Cops

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Fish Town **7.00** Urban Secrets **8.00** Storm City **9.00** The British **10.00** The West Wing **12.00** Without a Trace **1.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **2.00** Blue Bloods **3.00** Storm City **4.00** The West Wing **6.00** Without a Trace **7.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **10.10** Thronecast **11.10** Game of Thrones **12.20** Ray Donovan **2.50** Nurse Jackie **4.00** The West Wing

W SKY: 109

6.10 Judge Faith **7.00** My Dream Home **10.00** The Bill **11.00** Tipping Point **1.00** Hairy Bikers' Mississippi Adventure **2.00** MasterChef USA **3.00** Who Do You Think You Are? USA **4.00** My Family **6.00** Tipping Point **7.00** Celebrity MasterChef **9.00** Booze, Bar Crawls and Bulgaria: Stacey Dooley Investigates **10.00** The Catherine Tate Show **10.40** EastEnders **11.20** One Born Every Minute **12.20** The Catherine Tate Show **1.00** MasterChef Australia **1.55** Battlechefs **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 The Piglet Files **8.20** Ever Decreasing Circles **9.00** The Brittas Empire **9.40** Last of the Summer Wine **11.40** Ever Decreasing Circles **12.20** The Brittas Empire **1.00** Porridge **1.40** Open All Hours **2.20** The Good Life **3.00** The Vicar of Dibley **3.40** Last of the Summer Wine **5.40** Porridge **6.20** Open All Hours **7.00** The Good Life **7.40** The Vicar of Dibley **8.20** Open All Hours **9.00** One Foot in the Grave **9.40** Gavin & Stacey **10.20** Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow **11.20** Peep Show **11.55** The Young Ones **12.40** Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow **1.45** Big School **2.15** The Black Adder **2.50** The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer **3.20** Little Britain **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Good Morning Sports Fans **10.00** Live ATP Tennis. **6.30** News HQ at 6 **7.00** Live World Matchplay Darts. Day three from Blackpool. **11.00** Through the Night **1.00** Live WWE Late Night Raw. **4.15** WWE from the Vault **4.30** Through the Night

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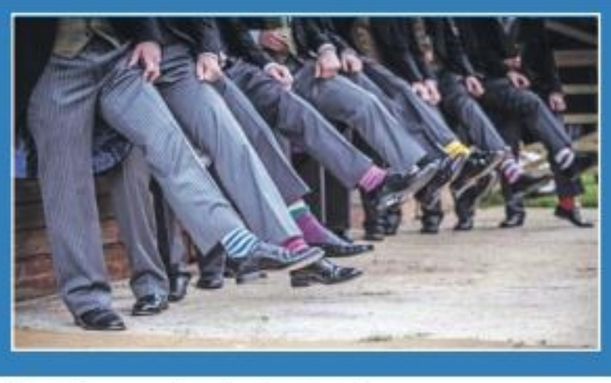

The Changing Face Of Men's Wedding Attire

British wedding habits have changed rapidly during the last few years, and this evolvement continues into 2017.

- The average wedding now costs over £16,000
- The trend for cupcakes is falling out of favour, being replaced with trends like cheese towers.
- Purple is the most popular bridesmaids dress colour
- 18% of newlyweds now honeymoon in the UK and 34% in Europe

These changes are also reflected in what the groom is opting to wear on his big day. At The Cotswold Tailor we have noticed big shifts in demand in both our hire department and our bespoke tailoring service, when it comes to wedding suits.

In 2015 we rented out not a single frock coat, and demand for morning coats fell significantly. When we did rent out a morning coat, more often than not the groom has opted to move away from traditional wedding waistcoats, and instead replaced these with tweed (*see picture left*).

Noticeably with both my bespoke and hire wear clients, there has been a shift towards: more tailored, three piece, slim-fit, lounge suits, particularly brighter blue shades. With many of my bespoke clients pointing out the benefits of getting frequent use out of the lounge suit post the wedding.

Possibly the biggest trend, however, has been in the rising popularity of tweed. As country/natural themed weddings have grown in popularity so too has the demand for both three piece tweed suits, but also the more relaxed look of a pair of chinos paired with tweed waistcoats and tweed jacket. (*see picture left*)

This look has become so popular that in 2016 we launched an entire new hire wear range dedicated to tweed.

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Cornbury signs off in style

By Samantha McGregor

A RECORD crowd bid farewell to the last ever Cornbury Festival as it closed with a bang.

Thousands attended the 14th festival which saw performances by Scouting for Girls, Bryan Adams, Kaiser Chiefs, the Pretenders, Right Said Fred, Sophie Ellis Bextor, Tom Chaplin, Imelda May, Midge Ure and many more.

But it was Jools Holland and his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra who had the honour of closing the final festival, which was saluted with a firework finale.

Among the famous faces spotted at Cornbury during the weekend was former prime minister David Cameron, Blur's Alex James and Made in Chelsea's Millie Mackintosh.

As a Cornbury first-timer I am really disappointed I've missed out on this festival 13 times. We had a brilliant time, loved the setting, the weather, the activities and most of all the music.

There was something for everyone. We dipped in and out of all three stages to take advantage of all the diverse acts who performed.

Bryan Adams belted out hit after hit, including Summer of 69, Please Forgive Me and I Do it for You, while my festival favourites, Scouting for Girls, included a protest song in their repertoire calling on Hugh Phillimore to bring back the festival.

Youngsters enjoy the magic of the children's field and, right, Ricky Wilson of the Kaiser Chiefs leaps into action. Picture by Ben Phillips Photography

One of my favourite areas was the Riverside Stage which featured a string of lesser known musicians who were fabulous and continually drawing a crowd.

Away from the music there was plenty to do – we got creative at the children's field making screen-printed bags and a clock record, also worth a mention was Professor Pumpernickel and his mind-bending show.

We camped in the quieter field – but to be honest the campsite entertainment was still pretty loud– in a Vango Beta 350 tent from Cotswold Outdoors.

The three-man tent was perfect for the festival. It was really easy to put up – a must for festival goers – and it had a large porch area for our equipment and supplies.

'Human iPod' plays Beacon

OXFORDSHIRE venue the Beacon, in Wantage, has announced The Derek Paravicini Quartet will take to the stage this December.

Derek Paravicini and friends will perform on December 14, at 7.30pm.

Although blind and with a severe learning disability Derek has been described as a musical genius.

The quartet is touring the UK after a successful debut on the BBC's In Tune programme.

The Derek Paravicini Quartet is made up of four talented young musicians who combine to create a unique sound portraying a mixture of emotions.

The group perform their take on classic songs and jazz standards, and have a repertoire from ragtime to Radiohead, from Irving Berlin to the Beatles, from Cole Porter to Coldplay.

Derek Paravicini, who was born prematurely at 25 weeks, is a blind English autistic savant and a musical prodigy affectionately known as the 'human iPod'.

Tickets cost £15 and are available from the Beacon Wantage by calling 01235 767975 or at osj.org.uk.

ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

Novelist brought to book in Austentatious comedy

By Samantha McGregor

AWARD-WINNING improvised comedy troupe Austentatious will bring their take on a Jane Austen novel to Oxfordshire.

Part of a new UK tour for the autumn, the show will be performed at two locations: Thame Arts and Literature Festival on October 13 and Cornerstone Arts Centre, in Didcot, on October 19.

Austentatious is an improvised comedy play starring a cast of the country's quickest comic performers.

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A string of comedy talent makes up the cast of improvised comedy troupe Austentatious, seeking out 'lost' Austen novels

The cast is made up of a string of comedy talent including Cariad Lloyd, who has appeared in Peep Show, Murder in Successville, QI, and Have I Got News For You, as well as Rachel Parris, a Chortle Award nominee who has appeared in The IT Crowd and Murder In Successville, and Joseph Morpurgo, an Edinburgh Comedy Awards Best Show nominee, who performed in Odessa and Harry & Paul's Story of the Twos.

This tour comes after six total sell-out runs at the Edinburgh Fringe, a nationwide tour, a monthly residency in London's Leicester Square and a BBC Radio 4 special.

The show was described by one national newspaper critic as "one of the most enjoyable 60 minutes on the Fringe".

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For more information go to austentatiousimpro.com.

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Opera shines out

OXON: The next Opera at the Beacon is the film of the 2005 production by the Vienna State Opera of L'Elisir d'Amore by Donizetti.

It stars soloists Anna Netrebko, Rolando Villazon and Leo Nucci and has English subtitles.

This Opera Unmasked and Kennet Opera Presentation takes place on September 17.

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ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

On marks for monster hit

By Samantha McGregor

A BRAND new stage show, Dinosaur World, roars into Oxford this summer as part of a UK tour.

Dare to experience the dangers and delights of Dinosaur World, where dinosaurs come to life on stage in a brand new interactive show for all the family.

This production is for age three upwards and takes to the stage at the New Theatre from August 24 until 26.

Dinosaur World introduces audiences to the lost island of Mundo De Los Lagartos Terribles off the east coast of South America.

This is a land of giant lizards, which is rumoured to be inhabited by dinosaurs who had escaped mass extinction at the end of the cretaceous period.

Using puppetry, this production brings to the stage a range of remarkably life-like dinosaurs.

The show reveals a host of impressive creatures including every child's favourite flesh-eating giant, the Tyrannosaurus Rex, along with a Giraffatitan, Segnosaurus and baby Triceratops.

The live show is followed by a post-show 'meet and greet' where audience members will have the opportunity to meet the dinosaurs in person.

Dinosaurs are brought to life through puppetry in the family stage show, Dinosaur World, heading to Oxford next month

This entertaining and engaging new show is sure to delight the whole family, while also educating young people and adults about these incredible creatures from the Mesozoic era.

Dinosaur World has been written and directed by Derek Bond, who also worked on Manchester Theatre Awards 2017 winner Sweet Charity, and Little Shop of Horrors at Manchester Royal Exchange.

The creative team includes puppet designer Max Humphries, who has worked on productions for the National Theatre, Royal Opera House and Cirque de Soleil, and puppet director Laura Cubitt, who has worked on a string of productions including Running Wild at Chichester Festival Theatre, Don Quixote for the Royal Shakespeare Company and War Horse for the National Theatre Berlin.

For tickets, go to atgtickets.com/oxford.

Sell-out festival has top line up

THIS weekend sees another popular Oxfordshire festival take place with an enviable line-up.

The sell-out Truck Festival, at Hill Farm, Steventon, opens tomorrow and runs until Sunday.

Taking to the stage are Franz Ferdinand, The Libertines, Slaves, The Wombats, Maximo Park and the Vaccines, and many more.

Music is spread across seven stages including The Truck Stage – the main stage, as well as The Nest featuring heavy, loud and experimental music, to the Veteran and Virgins stage, where the best of Truck's past and new Oxfordshire bands can show off their music.

On the Palm City stage fans of TV and film star Idris Elba can see him as he performs under his stage name DJ Big Driis.

Other acts include Arcane Roots, Dream Wife, Pulled Apart by Horses, Jamie Lenman, Red-Faces, Shells, The Big Moon, Zak Abel, Pumarosa, and The Dreaming Spires – the band set up by Truck Festival founders Robin and Joe Bennett.

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Is the Oxford property market stalling?

Bill Cooper, co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and managing director of Martin and Co, Oxford

Everyday thousands of column inches are being used to make comment on the UK housing market. As is usually the case, the headlines are overwhelmingly full of foreboding – after all good news doesn't sell! But, what is the true picture for Oxford?

Oxford remains the UK's least affordable city for residents to buy a house, with an average house costing over 16 times average income. So Oxford is prime for the building of new homes right? Well, no! Over the last 3-month period new build homes in Oxford accounted for just £1.27m of £217m value of homes sold in the City – that's just over half of 1%! And, therein lies the real challenge for Oxford, which now has 45,000 people commuting daily many traveling because they can't afford to live closer to their workplace in the City. This in turn is causing road congestion, rail congestion and long bus journeys. It is driving a new growth segment in the Oxford rented sector – that being professional Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) – shared houses for young professionals who can not afford to buy or rent their own property, but no longer want to live like they did as a student.

So, house sales are booming then? Well, no! The table below shows data for key Oxford post codes, over the last 12 months, compared with the 12 months previously. The analysis shows that whilst prices have continued to rise for the most part, transaction volumes are down significantly, suggesting that more people are staying put, with fewer people being able to buy a home in the City. To date, prices have held-up strongly, because the reduced supply is balancing-out any reduced demand for new homes. However, in April Hometrack UK City index reported that Oxford had slipped into negative house price growth, with the May 2017 report just tipping into positive territory at 1.6% year on year (YoY) growth vs. 8.2% YoY growth in May 2016.

An important part of the Oxford property market is accommodation for the City's 30,000 students. With Universities announcing increases in tuition fees, and a net reduction of 4% in student applications with applications from the EU down over 5%, the City may experience a surplus of student accommodation, reversing the under-supply of recent years. Together with the ban on fees charged to tenants by landlords and their agents which will be introduced by the Government, the City's student landlords are certain to experience greater competition when attracting tenants, and an increase in costs. The best way for such landlords to compete will be to invest in their properties offering better fixtures, fittings and décor, reflecting feedback from their agents about what students demand. For many, it may be more sensible to re-fit and re-configure their property to appeal to the growing market for professional sharers mentioned above. This sector, demand en-suite facilities, large double bedrooms and well fitted, large communal kitchens.

In summary, Oxford prices have held-up to date, but show signs of weakening. Oxford remains top of the charts for unaffordability, and the continued lack of new-build affordable homes is pushing demand to outlying towns and villages. Demand for rented accommodation is changing, and the City is suffering reduced demand from foreign nationals wishing to live and study in the City.

For more of my thoughts about the Oxford property market go to **www.OxfordPropertyBlog.co.uk**

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OX3	406,212	7%	372	-37%
OX4	345,006	6%	578	-27%
OX5	344,416	-1%	366	-9%
Bicester	329,745	6%	1,077	-13%
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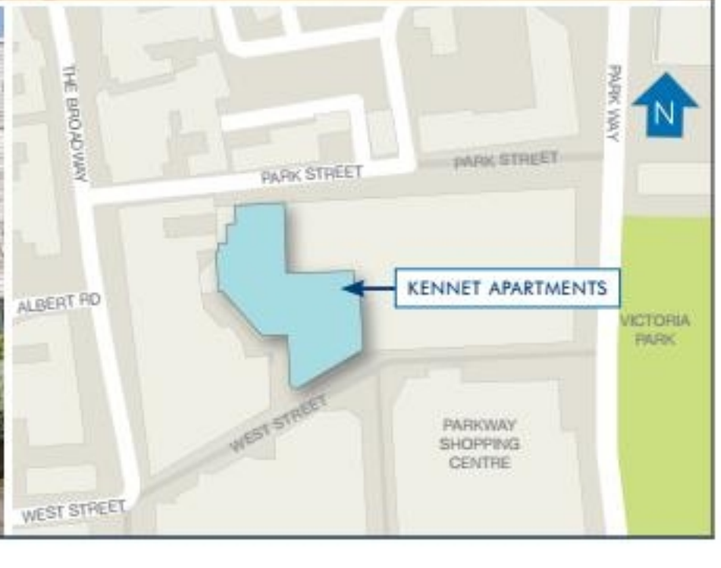

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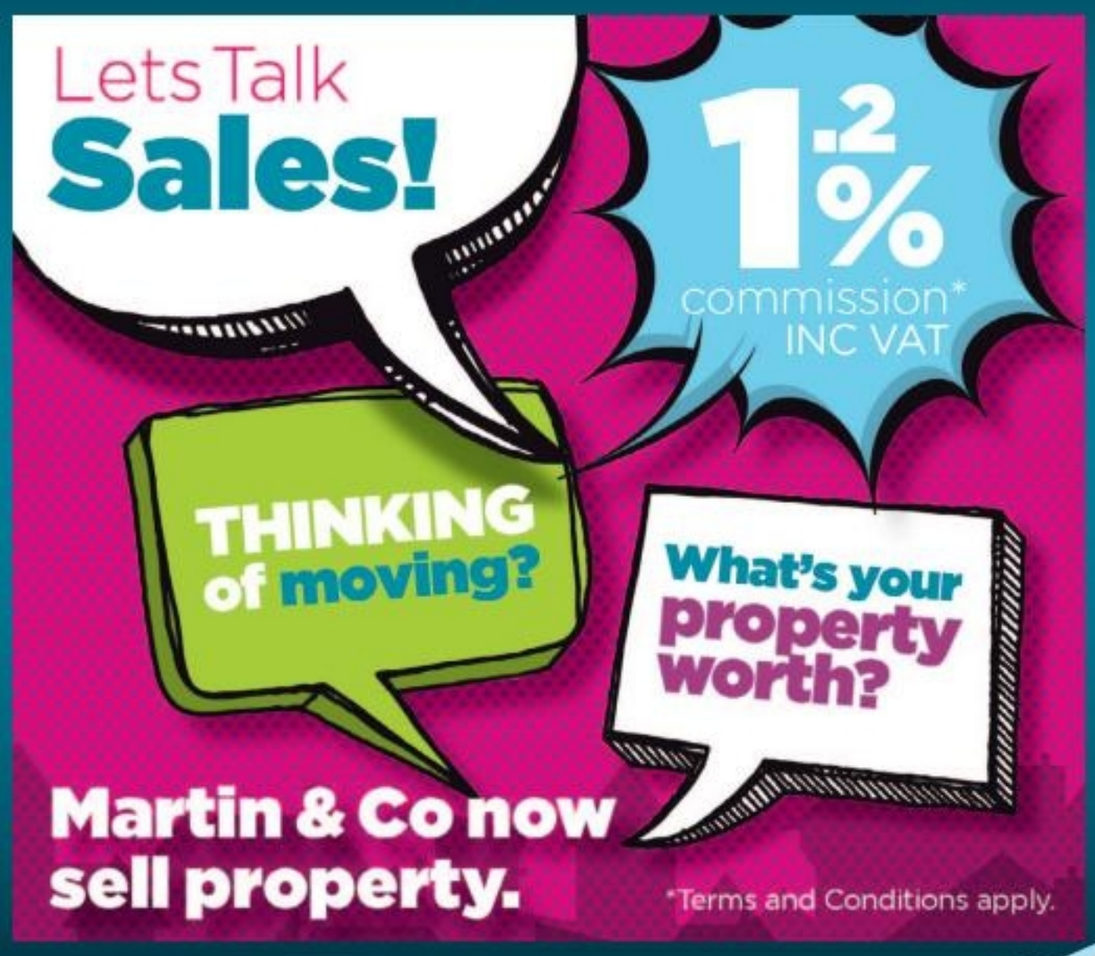

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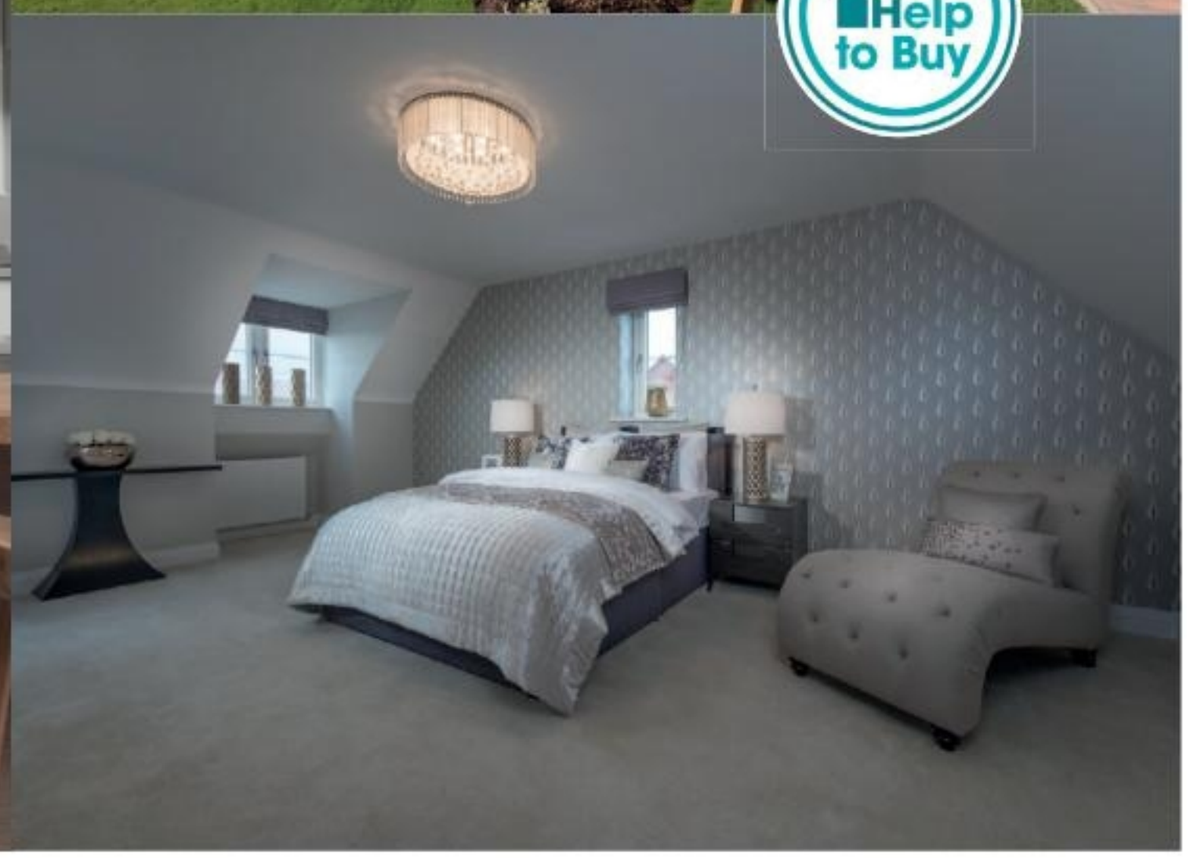

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By **Tony Yates**

I was starting to get a little worried that we were not seeing any new seven- seaters in the world of motoring anymore – so, when I heard Skoda was going to introduce us to the new Kodiaq, which just happens to have the extra seating I'm talking about - I was very happy indeed, because for a large family or people who pretty much act as a taxi driver for everybody else in their life, this must have been some very welcome news indeed.

Of course being seven-seated does not mean it's slow and like steering a boat – in fact it's actually more like a limousine on wheels. Ok, it's not an actual limo – but it does have an interesting array of equipment and storage for all those times when a big car really is the saviour of the day.

Power and efficiency

My test car was fitted with a 150PS 1.4-litre petrol engine; its performance is good, but not what I would call 'racy' – but it does get a move on once you get into the power band of that turbo. 0-62mph comes in around 10sec – and you can expect fuel consumption figures to easily reach 37-40 mpg combined. Top speed is also around 119mph and because it's a Skoda – you get all the usual energy saving devices such as; Stop/Start etc.

On the road

Firstly - I am so impressed by how the Kodiaq dealt with the lumps and bumps on our roads. Secondly, this a 4x4 - which basically means it can to a certain degree handle off-road driving – although, I doubt you will ever feel the need to drive it around in the mud like a hooligan.

Into the corners it also feels very controlled and steady – and when pushed to its limits, there were no nasty surprises and nothing unexpected happened. But, and it's a tiny one – the Kodiaq does have a small amount of gearbox lag (DSG) in Normal mode. If I was you, I would keep it in sport mode pretty much all the time. Apart from that small niggle - the Kodiaq is rather good and even better with its excellent 4X4 capabilities – what more could you possibly ask for.

Safety and technology

Inside, looks great, and it has a nicely trimmed cabin which is something Skoda has worked on a lot over time. Rear leg room is also massive thanks to the movable rear seats configuration. The Kodiaq will easily accommodate seven people or large family with ease. The quality and feel inside the cabin is also very good thanks to Skoda's excellent build quality.

The level of standard equipment on the SE L version starts with dual zone air conditioning, 19" Sirius alloy wheels, cruise control, black roof rails, heated front seats, ABS, EBV, MSR, ASR, EDS, DSR & ESBS, LED daytime running lights, LED rear lights, rear parking sensors, electronically operated boot, KESSY keyless system, an umbrella in the front doors, Alcantara upholstery and 7 airbags. This is just a small amount of what you can expect to find on what I consider to be a very well equipped car where everything you will ever need is on hand to make life just that little bit easier.

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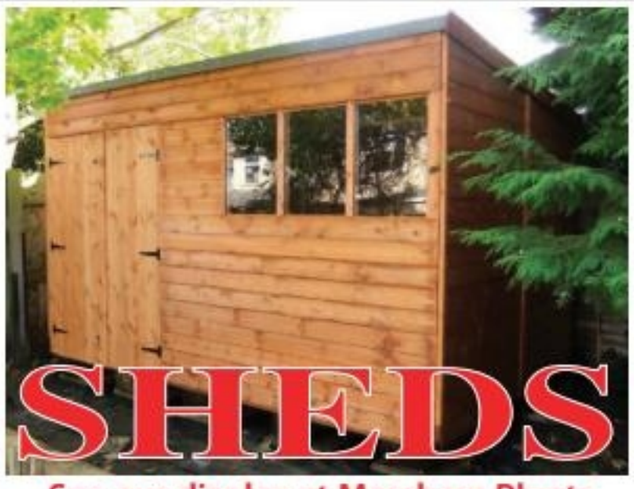

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Lynn makes his mark

Formula E

ALEX Lynn claimed a remarkable debut Formula E pole position for the electric single-seater series' first race in New York.

The DS Virgin Racing reserve driver stood in for the absent Jose Maria Lopez for rounds nine and 10 of the series at the Brooklyn circuit double-header on Saturday and Sunday.

The Oxford-based rookie triumphed against Daniel Abt in the pole position shootout by two tenths of a second for a shock pole position on Saturday.

However, things turned sour for Lynn as a driveshaft snap on his second car sidelined him after 23 laps and technical issues plagued him for the rest of the weekend.

Yet that wasn't enough to wipe the smile off the 23-year-old's face, who was forced to retire when in fourth place.

He said "That [pole position] was a fantastic feeling, and although things didn't go my way in the races because of technical problems, that's an inevitable part of such a high-tech series where everyone's pushing the barriers on what's possible on electric cars.

"To everyone outside the team it was a shock that I even got into Superpole on my debut.

"I'm very proud of what I achieved, and very happy for the team with the results they got."

After retiring from the first race, more problems followed resulting in a grid slot of 15th for Sunday's race.

A system failure after 19 laps forced Lynn out of round 10. Teammate Sam Bird won both races.

Alex Lynn tackles a tight corner in the second race in New York. Picture: DS Virgin Racing

Nico Hulkenberg was easily able to pull away from the Force Indias at Silverstone Picture: Renault Sport Formula One Team

Power of Hulk sees Renault into points

F1 Renault

By Adam Flinn

NICO Hulkenberg put in one of the best performances of the day as he finished an impressive sixth at Sunday's British Grand Prix.

The German was on top form throughout the weekend at Silverstone for Enstone-based Renault, having qualified fifth on the grid the day before.

He lost a place to a recovering Valtteri Bottas in the early stages but was untroubled in sixth, pulling away from the Force India duo of Sergio Perez and Esteban Ocon behind.

Towards the end Hulkenberg was struggling with an exhaust problem and lost a place to Daniel Ricciardo in the closing stages, but gained it back when Sebastian Vettel was forced to pit with a puncture.

The exhaust issue was serious enough that Hulkenberg stopped just metres after passing the finish line as a precaution, but his efforts secured himself and the team eight points.

He said: "We are very happy with the race result, P6 is a big success for the team. We had a strong race pace, and were able to keep ahead of both Force Indias, which is really positive.

"We lost some power at the end which made it easier for Daniel to pass me, but then we gained a position from Seb when he had his problem.

"Overall this is a very positive result. The new upgrades worked really well, we were able to push the car and I'm really pleased for the team."

However it was a completely different story for Hulkenberg's team-mate Jolyon Palmer, who didn't even make the start before his car had broken down.

After setting off on the formation lap, Palmer reported a lack of hydraulic pressure and had to pull off the track. He said: "Going out at the start of the race is really frustrating.

"We had a hydraulic leak on the first lap, which is pretty gutting as I think we were in a good position – 11th with new tyres, a car that was working really well with lots of different options on strategy.

"All the same we can see that the car has taken a step forward, but we just need to look at reliability now."

Massa remains upbeat after tenth place finish

F1 Williams

ANOTHER disappointing qualifying set the tone for Williams at Sunday's British Grand Prix as Felipe Massa could only bring home one point for the Grove-based team.

Like in Austria last week, both Williams found themselves languishing towards the back after Saturday's qualifying and needing to make up ground in the race.

Once again Massa made a strong start and was up to 10th from 14th at the end of the first lap, chasing down the McLaren of Stoffel Vandoorne.

It took until the pitstops for Massa to leapfrog the Belgian, but in that time he had been passed by Daniel Ricciardo himself and stayed 10th as a result. Despite challenging the Force Indias towards the end, Massa was unable to get past and had to settle for a solitary point.

However Massa was pleased with the result, and said: "I'm definitely happy with the race after starting 14th, having had a very good start and opening lap, to finish 10th.

"When you start out of position things are a lot more difficult than they should be so maybe we could have fought for more points.

"We need to make sure our starting position is better in the next race."

His team-mate Lance Stroll had a tougher afternoon and after having to make an unplanned second pitstop eventually finished 16th.

Felipe Massa on his way to 10th at Sunday's British Grand Prix Picture: Williams Martini Racing

Haas leave empty handed

F1 Haas

NEITHER Haas driver was able to finish in the points at the British Grand Prix on Sunday.

It was the first time since Russia back in April that the Banbury-based team left a race empty handed as Kevin Magnussen and Romain Grosjean could only manage 12th and 13th respectively.

Grosjean had started in the top-10, but lost places to Felipe Massa and Daniel Ricciardo in the early stages.

Magnussen meanwhile was further back on the grid on a different strategy, as he ran much longer into the race before making his first pitstop and emerged behind Grosjean in 13th.

Contact with Marcus Ericsson's Sauber on lap 43 forced Grosjean to make an extra pitstop however, which led to Magnussen getting past.

It didn't mean much though as both cars ended well outside the points for just the third time this season.

Haas team principal Guenther Steiner said: "It's been an average weekend. We didn't get in the points, but Kevin's race pace was good.

"We had a similar race pace to all our competitors, we were just in a worse spot.

"I'm still confident in our car. In the midfield, we can battle, but this time we were just at the lower end of our group."

Practice makes perfect for KTM's Smith

MotoGP

AN UPBEAT Bradley Smith sped off for his summer break after a positive two-day testing event in Spain.

Lead KTM Red Bull riders Smith and Pol Espargaro spearheaded the test following the halfway race in Germany earlier this month.

Along with two other riders, the team amassed 16 hours of track time in 35-degree heat with a track temperature of 44 Celsius.

Smith was encouraged by the workout on the KTM RC16 bike and said the team is heading in the right direction ahead of the season's resumption next month. The 26-year-old from Rose Hill said: "The guys worked extremely hard and we touched on some really important points in our weakest area so from that point of view we are super happy with that work and direction.

"I really feel this will give the team good direction for the second half of the season, and for 2018 as well."

After nine out of 18 races, Smith sits in 21st place. The next race is the Czech Republic MotoGP on August 6.

U's Women unveil first new players

Kayleigh Hines has rejoined Oxford

OUFC Women

WITH preparations starting to take place for the new Women's Super League (WSL) season, Oxford United Women have boosted their squad with their first two summer signings.

Highly rated midfielder Dan Carlton has signed from Tottenham Hotspurs Ladies and Kayleigh Hines has re-joined the U's after two years playing at a higher level.

Ball-winning midfielder Hines, who originally signed for United in 2013 after time in the United States, was a vital part of the squad before she moved to WSL1 club Reading in 2015 for full time football.

She said: ""I'm really excited, the last time I was here I really enjoyed my football and although some things have changed the club are going into the right direction."

Manager Andy Cook said re-signing Hines "is a special moment for everyone".

Fellow newbie Carlton has a wealth of experience and played a key role in Yeovil's WSL2 winning campaign at the end of the 2017 season.

Cook, who has tracked Carlton from the moment he took charge in February, said: "She's got a track record of playing in successful teams and her qualities on the pitch will not only help us but will bring out the best in the younger players of our squad."

Meanwhile, captain Lauren Haynes, defender Riva Casley, Lauren Allison and Ella Franklin-Fraiture have signed new deals at the club.

Defender Rosie Lane has left the U's by mutual agreement.

Florey the latest in a flurry of signings to Stars' roster

Ice Hockey

By George Welch

THE flurry of transfer dealings continues at Oxpens Road with local lad Josh Florey the latest to sign on at Oxford City Stars for another season.

The offensive player, who first played for Oxford as a junior in the Under-16s team in 2004, returns again to join his brother Jake.

A regular for the Stars over the last four seasons, Florey said he was "really pleased" to commit to a further year.

Head coach Kenny Redmond described Florey as a "hard working forward who wins his battles in the corner and will stick up for his team-mates when required".

"He fits in well with the passionate style of hockey I want us to play and I'm sure we'll see the best of Josh this season," he added.

A new face to be added to Oxford's line up next year is the vastly experience Stewart Tait.

With 18 years playing experience, he's had more playing time than most and has a wealth of teams listed on his resume, including Wightlink Raiders and Streatham Redskins.

For the last two seasons Tait, who went close to joining Oxford in the past, has spent time with both the Bracknell Hornets, where he was team captain, and the London Raiders.

He said: "From the outside looking in at some of the signings being made by the stars I thought they were assembling a very strong team for the new league.

"I know a lot of the boys from playing with and against them over the years, and when Kenny [Redmond] called me and offered me a position it was hard to say no.

"Oxford have moved forward a lot over the last few seasons and I was close to agreeing terms with the team in previous years but it wasn't to be at that time in my playing career.

"I am looking forward to challenge this season presents and also excited to see what we can all achieve together."

Josh Florey returns for another season with Oxford City Stars

Redmond said the utility player will provide "great leadership skills and will be a role model for the younger guys".

Extreme case of the Blues after worst defeat of the season

Rugby League

OXFORD RL's run of form went from bad to worse as they conceded 16 tries and suffered their heaviest defeat of the season at Keighley Cougars on Sunday.

The timid Blues were hammered 92-6 and the season's worst reverse extended their losing run to eight matches.

A disastrous second half of the regular season means Oxford have plummeted down the Kingstone Press League 1 table and will now compete in the shield alongside the other bottom-half teams as a result.

Things started well for Tim Rumford's side, who took an early lead when Tommy Newbould raced over the line and Liam Kay converted.

But that's as good as it got for struggling Oxford.

Parity was soon restored when James Feather broke the line and offloaded to send Mike Emmett in under the uprights.

The ruthless Cougars side retaliated in the meanest way possible as further tries from Hamish Barnes (2), Brendon Rawlins, James Feather, Brad Nicholson and Adam Ryder gave them a 42-6 lead.

The West Yorkshire side were in similar mood in the second period as they resumed their dominance.

Josh Lynam (2), Ritchie Hawkyard (2), Barnes (2), Harry Aaronson (2) and Nicholson all crossed for the home side.

Matty Beharrell converted 14 of the 16 tries as Keighley equalled their highest ever home win.

The win confirmed Keighley's place in the Super Eights while Oxford finished 13th.

Tournament encourages older people to get into football

Walking Football

MORE than 150 people from across south east England congregated in south Oxfordshire to take part in a walking football tournament.

The tournament, run by the GO Active Gold programme, took place at East Hagbourne Pavilion earlier this month and involved 17 teams of over-55s competing in up to eight matches.

As temperatures rose on and off the pitch, the final match saw Gloucestershire's Abbeymead Rovers overcome Birmingham 4-1 to be crowned champions.

Jeannette Matelot, chairman of South Oxfordshire District Council, said: "This was a great showcase for one of the country's fastest-growing sports and the work we do in southern Oxfordshire to promote participation among older people."

Reg Waite, chairman of Vale of White Horse District Council, added: "This tournament and events such as the Vintage Village Games and Nordic Walking are making a real difference to people's lives, helping them to be more active and feel a greater part of the community."

Walking football, which uses sin bins for players that breach the no running rule, is a slower-paced version of the sport and is accessible to all regardless of age, health or ability.

The rules centre around the key principles of no running, low contact and no 'over head height' kicks.

Tournament winners Abbeymead Rovers with the two council chairmen

Banbury climb the Division One table after beating Horspath

Cricket

BANBURY 2nds are up to second in the Cherwell League Division One after a four-wicket victory over struggling Horspath 2nds.

Ollie Morgan passed the half century mark to get 52 while George Tait hit 43 as Banbury managed to surpass Horspath's total in the 46th over.

In another Oxfordshire derby, Oxford Downs narrowly beat Abingdon Vale by one wicket in what was a closely fought tie.

Abingdon set a total of 161 after a steady innings, in which Amith Premkumar hit 33 and Sam Chilvers 31.

But despite Jonathan Jenkinson and Jeisimhan Diwakar getting five Oxford wickets between them, it wasn't enough as Oxford managed to reach 162-9 and clinch the victory.

Elsewhere in Division One, Cumnor lost to Twyford by just two runs, while Aston Rowant 2nds were easily beaten by an impressive Tiddington by nine wickets.

In Division Two, there were wins for Oxford 2nds and Cropredy who beat Challow & Childrey and Oxford & Bletchingdon Nondescripts respectively. Didcot also lost to Buckingham Town by four wickets.

And in Division Three, Bicester and North Oxford continued their winning form against East Oxford to win by four wickets, while Banbury 3rds and Oxford Downs 2nds both lost.

U's skipper on his way to Sheffield?

Oxford United

CHAMPIONSHIP new boys Sheffield United are trying to prise Oxford United skipper John Lundstram away from the Kassam, according to reports.

The influential midfielder has been the subject of a £500,000 approach by the Blades, a national newspaper has reported this week.

The 23-year-old has been a key figure in the Oxford camp since he joined the U's in 2015 on a free transfer from his boyhood club Everton.

Lundstram, who was made captain last year by former head coach Michael Appleton, has a year remaining on his United contract and new boss Pep Clotet will want to avoid losing one of his better players so soon after becoming manager.

But former U's gaffer Chris Wilder, who also signed defender Jake Wright from Oxford last year, hopes to entice Clotet's captain to Yorkshire with a £500,000 bid.

Losing the influential player would be another blow to Oxford, who, at the start of the summer, were looking forward to building a promotion campaign this coming season.

John Lundstram against Shrewsbury. Picture: Steve Daniels

Since then the club has lost boss Appleton to Leicester City and missed out on prime transfer targets, such as Liam Lindsay and Conor McAleny.

Lundstram played 57 times for the U's last year as they finished just outside of the play-off places and reached the Checkatrade Trophy final.

Ex-Swansea man signs up

FORMER Swansea City defender Dwight Tiendalli has signed for Oxford United on a one-year deal.

The versatile 31-year-old full back worked with new U's boss Pep Clotet at the Premier League club and joins United after nearly two years out of the game.

Tiendalli, who has been capped twice by the Netherlands, flew out to United's training camp from his Amsterdam home last Thursday to complete his medical.

The Suriname-born defender was spotted next to Clotet during United's 3-0 win over Oxford City on July 8.

Knee and thigh injuries have kept him out of action for the last two seasons but Clotet has welcomed his new man with open arms.

He said: "I'm delighted to be welcoming Dwight to our project, a player who boasts experience at the highest level of the English game and brings quality and versatility.

"In addition to his on-field ability, he's a model professional and will be a great presence in the dressing room."

Tiendalli, who only played 46 times in a Swans shirt during a three-year spell, made his last competitive appearance while on loan at Middlesbrough in May 2015.

Dwight Tiendalli. Picture: OUFC

Coming on as a late substitute, he played a part in Swansea's League Cup win against Bradford City at Wembley in his first season.

Before then the former Ajax youngster won the Eredivisie title with FC Twente in 2009/10 under the stewardship of Steve McClaren.

He was the club's second signing in 24 hours following the addition of former Wolves winger James Henry.

Trip to Lincoln called off

OXFORD United's pre-season game at Lincoln City has been called off.

The U's were due to visit the National League champions at Sincil Bank as the club's sixth and penultimate friendly on Tuesday next week.

But United already have a busy schedule and new boss Pep Clotet will want to maximise the amount of time spent on the training field.

They hosted Brentford last night, welcome Harry Redknapp's Birmingham City to the Kassam on Saturday and travel to Leeds United the following Saturday.

The Imps, who last season returned to the Football League, have accepted Oxford's request.

The U's said in a statement: "We thank Lincoln City for their understanding and wish them well on their return to the Football League this season."

Lincoln are currently looking to arrange another warm-up fixture to replace the cancellation.

Justin Bennett tries his luck Picture: Michael Allen

Late goal sees Banbury take a surprise victory

Oxford City

By George Welch

A PILE-DRIVER from Banbury United's Chris Withington five minutes from time proved the difference as his side upset Oxford City on Saturday.

The 1-0 win at Court Place Farm was an encouraging start to the Puritans' pre-season matches in a game that included many familiar faces lining up against their former sides.

Banbury began the better of the two sides but City got to grips with the game and looked the more dangerous as the half developed.

The away side defended well when they had to and the game remained goalless at the break.

City had the better chances in the second half but they failed to find a way through the Banbury defence.

And the Hoops paid for their missed chances when former Shortwood United striker Withington hit a superb strike from 20 yards into the top corner with just five minutes to go.

Puritans manager Mike Ford was pleased with the win and the performance in what was their first pre-season match compared to City's third.

The former City boss said: "First half we played excellently. Second half less so but we showed a real resilience not to concede.

"We showed throughout the 90 minutes lots of things you need to do to win a league game.

"It's pleasing but it's just the first of six or seven friendlies leading up to August 12."

Ex-Banbury player Zac McEachran started for City while former Hoops Tom Winters, Conor McDonagh and Jefferson Louis all lined up for the visitors.

City lost 2-1 against Didcot Town and Banbury left Easington Sports with a 2-0 win on Tuesday.

Diddy impress despite Eastleigh defeat

Didcot Town

DIDCOT Town began their pre-season campaign with a narrow 1-0 loss at home to National League side Eastleigh on Saturday.

The Railwaymen gave as good as they got as they surprised their visitors - who had Football League experience in abundance - with a competitive performance.

Despite lining up with the likes of former Arsenal goalkeeper Graham Stack, ex-Charlton midfielder Danny Hollands and former Scunthorpe midfielder Sam Togwell, it took the Spitfires until the stroke of half-time to score the vital goal.

Eastleigh were unsurprisingly the more threatening but Paul McCallum, Mark Yeates and Chris Zebroski failed to beat Leigh Bedwell.

Louis Joyce wasted Didcot's big chance of the first half when he surged passed the Eastleigh backline and fired into Stack's legs from a tight angle.

Louis Joyce had several chances Picture: Roger Neal

The decisive goal arrived on the cusp of half-time when Hollands, with his back to goal, swivelled and smashed beyond Bedwell to net Eastleigh's winner.

Joyce tested Stack again with the best chance of a fairly quiet second half as both teams rotated their players.

A couple of Eastleigh efforts smashed way over the bar and Didcot held their more illustrious opponents to very little else and it was the home side who looked more likely to score.

Diddy followed it up with a 2-1 home win against Oxford City on Tuesday.

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Barcelona B midfielder is fourth signing of new boss

Xemi excited to exit Spain to experience life at Oxford

Oxford United

By George Welch

OXFORD United have signed former Barcelona B midfielder Xemi on a three-year deal.

The 22-year-old was released by the Catalan outfit less than a month ago and is fresh from helping his boyhood club's second string to promotion from the third-tier of Spanish football last month.

Xemi, whose full name is Josep Miquel Fernández Codina, said he is 'really excited' to get started at the U's.

He said: "I have always wanted to come to England. This was a great opportunity because of the club and the city."

The playmaker is manager Pep Clotet's fourth summer signing and the move arose due to his contacts in the Spanish region.

And Xemi, who has mutual friends with his new boss, said the gaffer was one of the main reasons he signed for the club.

Xemi joined Barcelona in December 2015 after starring for UE Cornellà as a youngster, where he scored the goal that helped them win promotion to Segunda B, the third tier of Spanish football.

He then spent two years playing in the B team, again playing in Segunda B and proving to be a key player in their promotion to the Segunda Division last term.

Clotet knows plenty about his new man, who describes himself as a hard working box-to-box midfielder.

Clotet said: "Xemi caught the eye of plenty of clubs as a youngster and it was no surprise to see him join a big club like Barcelona.

"His time there will have served as a fantastic apprenticeship for him and now he wants to come to Oxford, experience football over here, and play in a strong, youthful side.

"During his time at Barça, he proved his ability and showed that he's prepared to work hard.

"Given his age, he represents an asset for Oxford United's future and his personality means that he'll fit into the squad really well."

Xemi, who can play centrally or anywhere across midfield, made almost 100 appearances in four seasons playing in Spain's third division.

Of his time at Barcelona B, Xemi said: "It has been a great experience. I enjoyed it so much and because it is my team it is even more special."

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